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"SCANDALOUS" ACTION HOME GOVERNMENT AND LORD LLOYD BIRKENHEAD'S PROTEST

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MONSTROUS USURPATION!

In the House of Lords, Lord Birkenhead bitterly denounced the Government's actions relative to the resignation of Lord Lloyd, High Commissioner for Egypt and Sudan.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT

London, Yesterday.

The House of Lords gave precedence to a motion by the Marquess of Salisbury drawing attention to Lord Lloyd's resignation as High Commissioner for Egypt and the Sudan.

Lord Salisbury described the Government's action as an "abrupt change of policy," and hoped that the Government would realise the serious shock it had given to the stability of our policy towards Egypt. In view of this dramatic stroke, that had resounded in every quarter of the globe, public opinion, not merely in Britain but also in the Dominions, was entitled to know the reason. He asked if the Government had consulted the Dominions, and declared the question was a test of capacity of the Socialist Government to rise to the height of imperial problems.

Labour Policy

Lord Parmoor, replying, reaffirmed the Labour policy of 1924 towards the Government of Egypt. He said that it always desired, whilst reserving certain points like international questions and the Sudan, that arrangements should be made to enable Egypt to become an independent sovereign country. As regards internal affairs, and as regards international or foreign matters, the continuity of policy towards Egypt would remain unchanged.

A Despatch Not Read

Lord Parmoor asked Lord Salisbury to bear in mind a despatch from Sir Austen Chamberlain to Lord Lloyd on May 22.

Lord Salisbury and Lord Birkenhead demanded that the despatch should be read, but Lord Parmoor declined, and said that Mr. A. Henderson would make a fuller statement in the House of Commons to-morrow, whereupon Lord Salisbury admitted cognisance of the despatch, but said he did not consider it justified the Government's action.

Change of Procedure?

Lord Reading said he was greatly disappointed with Lord Parmoor's reply, and asked whether it was a fact that there had been no change of policy, firstly, as



Lord Birkenhead

regards the reserved points and the Sudan, and secondly regarding Egyptian internal affairs.

Lord Parmoor replied to the first question, "I think so," and to the second question, "A change of procedure perhaps."

Lord Passfield said that in this, as in other matters, there had been as much communication as practicable with the Dominions and India, but the House must not imagine the Dominions and India were, or could be consulted about the step Lord Lloyd took. Time did not permit telegraphic communication, and furthermore



Lord Parmoor

into the Government's confidence as regards the negotiations in progress.

Lord Brentford (formerly Sir Jounson Hicks), who said that Lord Lloyd fully enjoyed the late Government's confidence, asked with whom were the negotiations conducted?

Lord Passfield replied: "With the Government of Egypt and they are not yet complete."

Unprecedented

Lord Birkenhead characterised the Government's attitude as scandalous, indecorous, and unprecedented. He particularly criticised the fact that Mr. Henderson's telegram of July 3 to Lord Lloyd was not obtained from the Foreign Office.

Lord Passfield, intervening, said that certain matters could not be produced in the public interest.

Lord Birkenhead retorted that this telegram was the pivot of the resignation story. It was the duty of Parliament to investigate the circumstances. He suggested that formal negotiations were actually proceeding between the Government and high personages representing Egypt without Lord Lloyd being informed. He asked were the negotiations to be concluded without Parliament being informed? He hoped that the rumour that the document was actually signed was untrue. Indeed it was incredible! He concluded:—A minority Government had no right to make bold and novel experiments in the fabric of the Empire, and he would use the whole of his instrument to eject it from office if it attempted so monstrous a usurpation of the rights and privileges of Parliament.—Reuter.

"LLOYDIAN" POLICY

Opinions of the Press in Cairo

Cairo, Yesterday.

Lord Lloyd's resignation, or "demission" as it is termed here, has not created any surprise. The newspapers are convinced that the Conservatives, if they had

RUSSIAN EMBASSY'S DENIAL NO BERLIN "TOUCH"

CHINESE DIPLOMATS DEPART FROM MOSCOW

GERMANY NOT TO MEDIATE

Berlin, Yesterday.

The Soviet Embassy here denies the report from Shanghai that it has been negotiating with the Chinese Legation here.

Further to the denial, the Soviet Embassy adds that since the rupture between China and Russia, it has never been in touch with the Chinese Minister in Berlin.

Official circles deny the report that Germany has been asked to mediate between China and Russia.

Well-informed opinion is that direct negotiations between the two disputants are impending.—Reuter.

Bound for Finland

Moscow, Yesterday.

The Chinese Embassy in Moscow, headed by Mr. Sia Wei-sung (the Charge d'Affaires) left Moscow today, after handing over custody of Chinese affairs to the German Embassy.

The Charge d'Affaires and his staff are proceeding to Finland.—Reuter.

Yen Hsi-shan Declines

Shanghai, To-day.

The National Government has announced the appointment of General Yen Hsi-shan as Provisional Commander of the North-western frontier (against Russia). However, General Yen has declined the appointment on the ground that the settlement of the Sino-China trouble is dependent on diplomatic moves and not on military moves.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

More "War" Reports

Tokyo, Yesterday.

A report from Manchuli says the Chinese fired on five Soviet aeroplanes which came over the city at 7 a.m. to-day. Later, distant sounds of gunfire were heard.

The "Nichi Nichi" has a special despatch from Manchuli stating that the Chinese and Soviet forces opened fire on each other when 18 Soviet aircraft appeared over the city at 6 a.m., throwing the town into confusion. Later, there was gunfire, which died down at 10 a.m. It was believed to be due to Chinese excitability, causing them to fire into the air, the report adds.—Reuter.

Arrests in Canton

Canton, Yesterday.

A number of suspected political agents in Canton were arrested on July 24 for having allegedly expressed pro-Soviet views while many members of the Kuomintang were parading the streets to demonstrate against Russia.

Canton is to offer its air and army services to the National Government, in case war is declared against Russia.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

REPARATIONS

CONFERENCE FIXED FOR THE HAGUE

BELGIUM DISSENTS

Paris, Yesterday.

It is semi-officially stated that all the Powers concerned except Belgium have agreed to the Hague as the venue of the Reparations Conference.

Belgium's acceptance is being solicited.—Reuter.

remained in office, would have asked for the resignation.

The newspaper "Al Ahram" sums up the motives as "the British Government does not wish to have a high Commissioner who governs Egypt directly," and adds that the Egyptians often had occasion to wonder whether Lord Lloyd was carrying out instructions or conducting his own "Lloydian" policy.—Reuter.

Delicate Negotiations

London, Yesterday.

The "Manchester Guardian" in an editorial points out that apart from other considerations, Mr. Henderson is engaged in highly delicate negotiations, whose success will partly depend on a fully sympathetic High Commissioner. These negotiations are with Mahmud Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, at present in London, against whom the Egyptian Nationalists were recently conducting intensive propaganda.—Reuter.

SENATOR EDGE APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Washington, Yesterday.

Senator Edge (New Jersey) has been appointed American Ambassador to France in succession to the late Mr. Myron Herrick.

Senator Edge is a member of the Senate Finance Committee and is



helping to frame the new tariff measure. He will take up his new duties in Paris at the end of the present extra session of Congress.—Reuter's American Service.

MEAN THEFT

IDLER'S WAY OF REPAYING HOSPITALITY

DENIALS VAIN

There is quite a number of people in this world who if given an inch will take an ell, and one such person was an unemployed Chinese who appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Police Court this morning on a charge of larceny.

About a week ago accused asked Sung Ting, a licensed hawkker residing at No. 58 Matshed, Telegraph Bay, Pokfulam, if he could stay with the latter for a few days as he was out of employment. Accused was allowed to stay, and for five or six days he enjoyed the hospitality extended him.

"On Wednesday morning," related complainant, "I went out to buy something while my son was away to look after the stall. We both returned at 7 o'clock in the evening, when I discovered that the basket at my bed was broken and three suits of clothing and some cigarettes were stolen."

Suspecting accused, complainant went over to Shamshupo and informed his wife about the theft. He instructed her to keep a look out for accused.

The next day complainant's wife went to the Yau-mat Railway Station, where she met accused and he was arrested.

Inspector James, who prosecuted, said that the clothing (two jackets and three pairs of trousers), a flour bag and five packets of cigarettes were valued at \$5.45. Accused was taken by a detective to No. 245 Leichikou-road, where he claimed he was staying. The occupants of that flat, however, denied all knowledge of him, and said that he had never stayed there before.

Accused pleaded that the clothes and cigarette belonged to him. The flour bag, he said, was picked up at Sassoon-road.

His Worship inquired why accused had such an amount of ill-fitting clothes, and asked him to explain how he came to possess women's trousers?

Accused (reassuring): Women's trousers? No; they are mine and I wear them.

His Worship said that it was no use arguing any further.

It was absurd for the accused to think that he would believe such a story as had been offered. Accused was very optimistic indeed if he thought so.

His Worship described the theft as a particularly mean one when one took into consideration the unquestioned hospitality complainant had extended to him.

Accused was sentenced to two months' jail.

"REDS" ARRESTED

Paris, Yesterday.

The total arrests in the recent round up of communists is 167.—Reuter.

BONE OF CONTENTION IN CHINA

"ROW" WITH SOVIET

RAILWAYS IN MANCHURIA AND JAPAN'S POSITION

RED REVOLUTION'S SEQUEL

To appreciate fully the present conflict, it is necessary to have an understanding of the historical importance of the Chinese Eastern Railway and Manchuria.

On the north-easternmost point of China lies Manchuria, bounded by the Chinese province of Chihli and Mongolia on the west; by the Siberian province of Transbaikalia, Amursk, and Primorskaya on the north-west, north-

OCCASIONAL RAIN

This morning's weather report states:

A weak anti-cyclone lies over Japan. Pressure is relatively low in a trough extending from Tongking across the Philippines to the Pacific.

A depression has developed about 260 miles south of Hong Kong. It will probably move westward.

Forecast:—E. winds, fresh, cloudy; occasional rain.

The American Consulate-General has received from the Manila Observatory the following cable:—

July 25, 9.15 p.m.—Cyclone or typhoon E. of Aparri less than 300 miles distant, filling up.

east, and east. In 1911 an agreement was concluded by the "Four Nations" consortium, to finance the development of Manchuria, but was at that time opposed by Russia and Japan until their participation under conditions securing to them continuance of their privileged position. A further treaty arranged in 1911 and an agreement in 1916 strengthened Russia's position considerably, while the formal annexation of Korea by Japan in 1910 had already placed the numerous Koreans in Manchuria under Japanese consular jurisdiction.

The Japanese Ultimatum

Then in 1912 the railway from Changchun to Kirin was opened, to be quickly followed up by the terms of a new treaty concluded by China as the result of the Japanese ultimatum accompanying the "Twenty-one Demands," and the lease of the South Manchurian Railway and of the Antung-Muk-

den lines was extended to 99 years (to 2002 and 2007 respectively).

Later came the linking up of the whole railway system of Korea with the South Manchurian Railway, and under these conditions the growing activities and influence of the railway rapidly became one of the most important factors in the economic life of Manchuria.

Followed in 1917 the disorganisation of the Central Government of China, and the collapse of Russia just after 1917, and these events gave to Japan in Manchuria an economic, financial and political ascendancy she had not before enjoyed.

Chang Tso-lin

One of the dominant and increasingly powerful Chinese figures in Manchuria has been the late Chang Tso-lin, says a special correspondent in the "Straits Times." General Chang, in 1924 still in middle life, had once been connected with a band of Hunghutze, or bandits, but he was taken into the service of the Chinese Government, and in 1911 was acting as Military Governor of Fengtien. From this time onwards his power grew until in 1920 he was one of the major figures in the Chinese political situation, and Manchuria had become virtually a semi-independent principality under his sole control. The Russian influence, as was

POPE NO PRISONER

TRADITION OF THE PONTIFFS ENDED

HISTORIC CEREMONY

Vatican City, Yesterday.

Acclaimed by hundreds of thousands of people, His Holiness the Pope this evening issued from the Vatican into St. Peter's Square, thus ending the tradition that the Pontiffs must be prisoners in their



places which has lasted since 1870. The Pope was carried to a platform on the shoulders of twelve crimson-clad attendants, surrounded by his gorgeous Court.

The Pope made a circuit of the Square and then descended in front of St. Peter's, where an altar had been erected, and gave the kneeling multitudes the Apostolic Benediction.—Reuter.

expected did not disappear with the collapse of the old regime.

Russia's Revolution

For a time there can be no doubt that it was certainly weakened, but with the rise to power of the Soviet Government in Russia, and the establishment of regular diplomatic relations with China in 1924, the power of Russia was restored and her influence became rapidly increasing. The Russian revolution had already had a disastrous effect upon the Chinese Eastern Railway, for with its coming the board of directors was scattered from Petrograd and the manager espoused the cause of Admiral Kolchak.

With the existing disorder in Russia and Siberia, the railway's traffic and finances naturally suffered violent dislocation and loss. The Russian Legation in Peking, which had remained loyal to the old regime, took the situation in hand and caused the Russo-Asiatic Bank to call, in Peking, a meeting of the shareholders to elect a new board of directors.

New Agreements

China, meanwhile, had entered the World War (summer of 1917) and in March of 1918 had signed a new agreement with Japan for military co-operation.

In pursuance of this fresh agreement the Japanese troops took up a position on the Chinese Eastern Railway zone.

The future of the railway, however, was governed by what is now known as the Mukden Agreement of October, 1924, when it was agreed that, with the exception of matters affecting the conflicting business operations (already under the direct control of the railway) all matters relating directly to the rights of the national and local governments of China should be administered by the Chinese authorities.

China Can Buy Back

When in 1924 the Soviet Government began to resume relations with China, the railway became one of the chief topics in the negotiations. The agreement of May 31, 1924, by which normal diplomatic relations were restored between China and Russia, contained a long article which, among other things, had an assurance that China might buy the railway, a provision for a conference to settle more definitely the future of the railway and a clause which stipulated that the future of the railway would be decided by the two contracting parties to the exclusion of any third party or parties.

Another aspect of considerable importance was the clause forbidding the activities of subversive propaganda directed against the economic and political systems of each other. The virus of communist propaganda makes itself felt wherever civilisation is attempting to forward the growth of backward peoples.

PRINCIPLE OF NAVAL PARITY

U.S. DEFINITION

ABSOLUTE EQUALITY IN FIGHTING STRENGTH

FOR ALL CATEGORIES

Washington, Yesterday.

Mr. H. L. Stimson, Secretary of State, in defining the principle of naval parity as agreed to by General Dawes and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, said that it meant absolute equality in fighting strength of the British and American Fleets, applying to all categories of ships. "Statesmanship"

Washington, Later.

Mr. Stimson, in the course of his formal statement, said that the doctrine of parity was a doctrine not of war but of statesmanship. Its immediate purpose was to prevent two navies building against each other and to effect instead a reduction of their respective strengths. "Liveliest Satisfaction"

Washington, Yesterday.

Mr. MacDonald's and President Hoover's pledges of curtailment of Navy building are hailed as a happy indication of an approaching agreement on the disarmament problem.

Officials here expressed the liveliest satisfaction in the fact that a remarkable change of opinion regarding Britain has manifested itself in official and political circles almost overnight.

Mr. Stimson described the move as an immense and tremendous step forward in naval reduction. "Decide"

Amid a chorus of approval practically the only discordant note is the voice of Mr. Fred Britten, Chairman of the House of Representatives Naval Affairs Committee, who stigmatises the British move as "decide."

Those in close touch with President Hoover say that the President hopes that one effect of his pronouncement will be to end the Chauvinistic talk in America and Britain which he regards as of paramount psychological importance.

It is interesting to note in this connection that General Dawes is reported to have recently advised Mr. Stimson that if something could be done to disarm the "super-patriots" both in Britain and America, a settlement of the disarmament problem would be comparatively simple.

British Gestures

An intimation that the American action is a direct response to Mr. MacDonald's gesture is contained in Mr. Hoover's statement.

He said that Mr. MacDonald indicated his goodwill and positive intention by suspension of construction of a portion of the year's programme; and declared that the British cruiser strength at present exceeds the American strength and the actual construction of three projected cruisers is unlikely to produce inequality in the final result, but he has decided to suspend the laying down of three keels because he did not wish to have any misunderstanding of American actions, though hopes of relief lay more largely in the later years' programme under the law of 1928.—Reuter's American Service.

STILL MORE WATER

FLOW INTO RESERVOIRS NOT STOPPED

"GAINS" ALL ROUND

In spite of the rain in the 24 hours ended this morning having been almost negligible, the reservoirs both in Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon received additions to the quantity of water in storage, even after deducting the daily consumption.

Hong Kong's "gain" was 16 million gallons, bringing the total to 720 million gallons. Kowloon's "gain" was 8½ million gallons, and the total there is now 344.6 million gallons.

TIED OF LIFE

A Chinese widow named Yeung Kui (58), living in Unlung village, committed suicide yesterday by drowning herself in a pond in the village. Neighbours who said that the woman had been "queer" for some time, attributed her suicide to domestic troubles, she having to shift for herself since her husband's death.

The Police removed the body to the Kowloon mortuary.

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Accounts
After charging the whole of the general expenditure to working account, the loss in Burma on the year working is Tls.3,845 which is transferred to profit and loss account.

Profit and loss account.—Debit: interest and other interest amounting to Tls. 33,848.69, legal expenses Tls.

7,241.45 and Shanghai expenses to Tls. 5,541.58, making a loss for the year of Tls. 50,459.51, which, after deducting the balance brought forward from last year, gives a total of Tls. 49,037.76 at debit of profit and loss account, which it is proposed to carry forward to the Development Account.—The expenditure on the immature area amounted to Tls. 23,798.76.

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.....	楊桃	„	—	12	—
.....	椰子	each	12	10	1
.....	檸檬	lb.	14	25	3
(an) ..	金山檸檬	each	9	8	—

.....	荔枝干	lb.	—	25	3
a) ...	新會甜橙	„	25	—	—
.....	橙	„	—	—	1
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.....	花生	„	12	10	1
rge ..	紅柿	„	—	12	—

.....	大蕉	"	4	8	-
.....	暹羅柚	each	12	12	-
.....	合桃	lb.	18	-	1
.....	菩提子	"	-	-	-

.....	芝	each	10	—
.....	鴨茅	lb.	12	—
.....	草	"	10	8
.....	紅	"	12	—
.....	苦	"	6	24
.....	瓜	"	7	5

青瓜	瓜	"	5	5
紅芥	菜	"	12	—
椰菜	菜	"	15	12
腰笋	笋	"	12	—
大椰菜	each	—	—	—
中椰菜	"	—	—	—
細椰菜	"	—	—	6

金	笋	lb.	8	6
糖	菜	"	—	10
辣	干	"	25	25
紅	椒	"	28	10
青	辣	"	10	8
菜	花	"	10	8
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洋蔥	七	5	8
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Sq. Ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Wong Nei Chung	ft. ft. ft. ft.	about		
As per sale plan.			11,000	60	25,000

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1	Wanchai Gap	ft. ft. ft. ft.	about		
As per sale plan.			14,000	80	1,200

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LOCAL EDUCATION

REPORT ON ENGLISH- TEACHING SCHOOLS

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

The following is incorporated in the report of the Director of Education for 1928:—

Queen's College:—Head Master, Mr. A. H. Crook, M.A.
The Maximum Enrolment was 647.
The Average Attendance was 587.

108 new boys from the Government District Schools were admitted to Class 3. Boys admitted from these Schools usually have had a thorough grounding in elementary subjects and do well in the Upper School of Queen's College.

All pupils in Class 2 take the Junior Local Examination and all in Class 1 take the Matriculation or the Senior Local of the Hong Kong University. At the last examination 83 boys sat for the Junior Local Examination; of these 63 passed gaining 41 distinctions. In the Senior Local and Matriculation Examination 36 candidates sat, and of these 24 passed, eight of them gaining honours with a total of 21 distinctions. These excellent results indicate the painstaking work of the staff.

The health of the school was good.

Sports were carried on much as usual. Through the kindness of the Chinese Bathing Club the annual swimming gala was held at their bathing enclosure at North Point. Other sports, volleyball, basketball, football, tennis and cricket were carried on with vigour. To avoid the danger of sports suffering from too much specialization by particular persons inter-class games were encouraged more than inter-school competition.

The Old Boys' Association continues to take a deep interest in the school and provides some of the scholarships and prizes. During the year it suffered the sad loss of its President Mr. Lee Hy-san who had formerly been a pupil and a teacher in the College. Another old boy, Mr. Woo Hei-long has made the munificent donation of the interest on \$100,000 to provide scholarships in the local schools.

The Yellow Dragon, the school magazine, has entered its thirtieth year of continued existence. I have certainly justified its name. The removal of the Technical Institute students from the basement laboratory provided a room that could be set apart for geography—a subject of great educational value. This room is equipped with beautiful relief models and many instruments.

The boys continue to take meteorological readings every morning. These include temperature, rainfall, humidity, and barometric pressure. Type-writing has been introduced to the commercial division of the matriculation class.

King's College

Head Master, Mr. A. Morris, A.C.P.
The Maximum Enrolment was 697.
The Average Attendance was 637.

For the first time pupils were entered for the University examinations. Of seven who sat for the Matriculation and Senior Local, four passed the Matriculation, one with Honours, and have entered the University, and two passed the Senior Local. Of 29 who sat for the Junior Local Examinations, 23 passed with 28 distinctions.

Among the numerous school activities are Ambulance work for senior pupils and scouting for juniors; the latter is unfortunately not very flourishing but the Ambulance Division is very efficient and very energetic, and among other activities vaccinated 27,601 Chinese during the recent campaign.

Discipline was well maintained under pleasant conditions. The Staff consisted of 3 European Masters, 10 European Lady Teachers, 2 Chinese Lady Teachers, 6 Local University Graduates, 6 Technical Institute Trained Masters, 7 Vernacular Masters, and one Drill Instructor.

Sports were enthusiastically engaged in notwithstanding the absence of a suitable playing field, the provision of which is being considered by the Government.
Ping Pong, Volley-ball, Basketball and Tennis were played, and advantage was taken of the Swimming Pool, Gymnasium and the Handicraft Room.

The Medical Officer of Schools commented on the improvement in "chest" development.
The School was visited and much admired by educationalists from Japan, North China, Formosa, Canton, Australia and England.

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Ellis Kadoorie School:—Head Master, Mr. F. J. de Rome, B.Sc.
The Maximum Enrolment was 442 (483 in 1927)
The Average Attendance was 406.

At the Annual Examination for Class 4 90% passed, in the other Classes 96% passed.

A History Room has been fitted with splendid maps, charts and pictures and is a valuable aid to the teaching of this subject.

The Old General Readers are gradually being replaced by new Readers written by an educational expert in India.

The Teacher's Library has been largely increased and now contains about 700 volumes.

A Volley-ball court has been re-laid by the P.W.D. It is also used for Tennis.

This school won the Senior Volley-ball Shield, open to all schools. Basketball and Football were also played. Many boys were taught to swim at Kennedy Town Beach.

Many educational excursions were made on the island, in the New Territories, and round the harbour. Several industrial undertakings were visited.

The health of the boys has been very good. This is evidenced by the more regular attendance.

Yau-mat School

Head Master for most of the year, Mr. C. Mycock.

The Maximum Enrolment was 272 (280 in 1927).

The Average Attendance was 254.

The School suffered a severe loss in the death of Mr. Tam Cheuk-kai,

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The health of the boys was good, but there was a considerable amount of illness among the staff. Some improvement was made in the lavatory accommodation.

At the Annual Examination 243 boys were examined and 202 passed.

The Library though lacking funds continues to develop.

The King's Park ground was the scene of many football matches. Volley ball was also played. At the Annual Sports Meeting much enthusiasm was shown, the jumping being particularly good.

Wantsai School

Head Master for most of the year, Mr. E. J. Edwards.

The Maximum Enrolment was 211 (210 in 1927).

The Average Attendance was 199 or 97%.

On June 28 the sad news of the death of Mr. R. J. Birbeck, who was on Home Leave, was received. He was headmaster of this School for nearly ten years and had rendered valuable service in the Education Department for more than twenty years.

In the Annual Examination out of 189 boys examined 171 passed. At the Entrance Examination to Queen's College and King's College 49 out of 55 passed.

The discipline was good. The boys took a keen interest in Football, Volley-ball and Basketball. Swimming at North Point was very popular.

Gap Road School

Head Master, Mr. Lo Yuk-lun.

The Maximum Enrolment was 164 (145 in 1927).

The Average Attendance was 149 (132 in 1927).

The School is doing excellent work, and is a splendid feeder to Wantsai School. Its attendance records are particularly good.

Health and discipline are satisfactory.

Football in the adjacent valley is very popular.

Tai Po School

Head Master, Mr. Fung So.

The Maximum Enrolment was 67 (68 in 1927).

The Average Attendance was 54 (57 in 1927).

Good work is done in this School. English Composition and Colloquial need special attention. The majority of the boys promoted to Yau-mat School show weakness in

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these subjects. It may be accounted for by the country environment. Health and discipline are satisfactory.

Un Long School

Head Master, Mr. Lee King-shum.

The Maximum Enrolment was 67 (56 in 1927).

The Average Attendance was 50 (46 in 1927).

At the Annual Examination 36 boys passed out of 37 examined. Health and discipline are good.

An Athletic Meeting was held for the first time, on the new playing field.

Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians

Head Master, Mr. A. R. Sutherland, M.A.

The Maximum Enrolment was 117 (114 in 1927).

The Average Attendance was 107 (107 in 1927).

From 13th February, Mr. Sutherland acted as Inspector of Schools and Mr. Bishen Singh acted as Head Master of the School.

The health of the School was good except for an outbreak of mumps in the lowest class.

For the fourth year in succession every boy in Class 4 passed the Entrance Examination to Queen's College. In the other classes 98 were examined and 86 passed. Urdu is very well taught.

The boys are particularly keen on all school games. The admirable location of the school favours them in this respect.

The boys are taught to cultivate flowers and vegetables. Many coffee and lichee trees have been added to the school garden.

Cheung Chau School

Head Master, Mr. Hon Gau-fung.

The Maximum Enrolment was 54 (42 in 1927).

The Average Attendance was 46 (32 in 1927).

This School was moved in December from rented flats on the water front to a new permanent building erected under the supervision of the P.W.D. It is a fine, well-equipped building with modern sanitation and ventilation. It contains five class-rooms with accommodation for 150 students, and has a fine Volley-ball and Basketball ground.

The health of the school is good. There were a few cases of trachoma, enlarged tonsils and anaemia.

Work in the school has proceeded harmoniously. At the Annual Examination 28 out of 40 passed. The boys are keen on Sports especially Swimming.

The Annual Athletic Meeting was a great success.

Bellios Public School

Head Mistress, Miss H. F. Skinner.

The Maximum Enrolment was 525 (536 in 1927).

Physical Education has taken a more prominent part in the school curriculum and an improvement in the girls' personal deportment and general bearing has been observed.

Dr. S. Y. Wong's lectures in Hygiene were much appreciated.

At the Annual Examination 158 students were examined in the Upper School and 141 passed. In the Lower School 219 passed out of 292. These results are satisfactory especially in the Upper School. The University Examination results were excellent. Out of 8 pupils entered for the Matriculation and Senior Local four gained Matriculation Certificates, three Senior, while ten out of twelve pupils passed the Junior Local, winning 5 distinctions.

The Victoria Nursing Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was again very active. The loss of Dr. Hickling, the Divisional Superintendent, is deeply felt.

The Guides, the 3rd Hong Kong Company, won the Prince of Wales Banner. A Company of Brownies was formed and immediately became very popular.

The work done by this School for charity is unique. It supports a Bellios Cot at the Alice Memorial Hospital and another Bellios Cot at the Great Ormond St. Hospital. It also assists the Victoria Home in Kowloon City and works energetically for the Ministering Children's League.

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CANTON MARU	Sunday, 4th August, 3 p.m.
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The second-class accommodation is well fitted and very comfortable.

Automatic ventilators are fitted throughout the whole length of the ship and the furniture installed is plain and very effective. The decoration of the social hall and dining room (on the bridge deck) is luxurious and both rooms are partitioned off by glass.

A Curious Innovation

A curious piece of work that excited much attention is a painting on the wall of the dining room, which appears to be composed of clay slabs fitted near each other to cover a wide area. The whole is coated with gold paint. This formed a beautiful background to scenes typical of the East (fishing junks, etc.) which are painted in deep, rich colours of black, blue, purple and red.

Equipped as she is with wireless and radio direction finder the "Tjibadak" is, as already indicated, a splendid addition to the fleet of Dutch vessels. She will ply between Java, Hong Kong, Amoy and Shanghai and vice-versa.

Early this morning the "Tjibadak" left for the North.

PASSENGER LIST

DEPARTURES

Passengers per "Empress of France" from this port for Vancouver via ports, July 24:—Miss M. P. Albers, Miss M. R. Adams, Miss M. P. Albers, Miss L. and E. Allen, E. E. Bausum, Miss J. W. Buckwell, R. L. Bausum, Miss R. M. Bigler, Mrs. W. W. Burrell, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Boxer, Miss D. G. Boxer, Mrs. H. H. Boxer, Miss M. R. Buckwand, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Capen, Miss F. Drew, A. P. Defino, M. D. Dizan, Mrs. L. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Foulds, Miss M. E. Foulds, M. J. Hogan, Miss G. Lee, Mrs. M. Lee, G. Lee, Mrs. L. B. Lerme, Mrs. C. Lerme, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lewis, Miss J. P. McGinn, Miss E. A. Mitchell, Mrs. E. V. Miller, Miss J. L. Miller, G. Richters, Miss R. Rinker, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Robb, Miss M. M. Robb, J. F. Remedios, Mrs. S. A. Remedios, M. Reyes, Mr. Saito, Mrs. E. N. Schell, Miss G. Ward, Mrs. E. B. Ward, Miss D. Wise, Miss M. E. Wallace.

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After service during the War in the submarine area he became Marine Superintendent of the Eastern Shipping Co., Penang, and later joined the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.

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The results for the year 1928 have been exceptionally satisfactory. The increase in the traffic, as compared with that of the previous year, amounting to nearly three million tons, has, as a matter of fact, only been exceeded once—in 1919. In addition, in spite of the reduction in the number of transits, which came into force on April 1, 1928, the transit receipts were greater by 7 per cent. than those for 1927. This enables us to increase your dividend again, and we propose to fix the gross dividend per capital share at 64.57 francs, an increase of 67.05 francs as compared with 1927.

Stabilisation of the Franc

The legal stabilisation of the French currency on June 25, 1928, has enabled our accountants to make eminently desirable changes which the fluctuations in the franc had previously prevented. As a result of these changes, all the items in the accounts which are being presented to you are shown with their actual value in French francs, whereas some of them, including some of the most important, have hitherto been shown with their nominal value in gold francs. The difference being credited or debited to the item "Result of conversion of funds into French francs."

The revaluation of assets and liabilities which has been made balances on a credit balance of 100,930,151.51 francs, which we propose to transfer to the statutory reserve, which would then amount to 141,448,949.08 francs. But it also seemed indispensable to us, when recasting our balance-sheet, to bring this statutory reserve up to its previous value, about 40 million gold francs, and we propose to increase it to 200 million francs by taking the necessary sum, 55,551,050.92 francs from the extraordinary reserve.

We also propose to transfer 20 millions to the insurance and contingencies fund from the extraordinary reserve, which will then amount to 61,448,949.08 francs.

Change in Rates

On January 1 of this year the Suez Canal transit rates were reduced by 7 francs to 6.90 francs (gold). Actually this measure did not constitute a reduction, for its sole object was to make up for a change in the rate at which sterling paid for transit dues was received; the sum actually paid by the shipowner remains practically unchanged.

With regard to the accounts, it will be seen that the figures are very different from those of previous years, owing to the conversion into French francs, but actually the accounts were on about the same level as in the previous year, while receipts, having grown in conformity with the development of the traffic, exceed those for 1927 by about 65 million francs. We propose to take advantage of the exceptionally favourable results of 1928 by setting aside 100 million francs for improvement works, and 25 million francs for the construction of houses in Egypt; in addition, the usual 25 million francs is set aside for amortisation. After providing for these amounts and adding the balance brought forward from 1927, there is an available sum of 716,298,322.47 francs, of which the proposed dividend will absorb 712,192,876.05 francs.

Increased Volume of Traffic

The traffic through the canal in 1928 showed, by comparison with that for 1927 (which itself broke all previous records), an increase of 2,943,854 tons net; to 31,905,992 tons. The number of transits was 5,084, against 5,545 in 1927. The average size of vessels has slightly increased to 7,249 tons gross, and the proportion of transits made by vessels of more than 10,000 tons gross increased from 10.5 to 11 per cent. The average stay of vessels in the canal was 15 hours 9 minutes—only three minutes longer than the record set up in 1927.

An interesting transit was that of the Singapore floating dock in two sections, in August, which was carried in four days with very little disturbance to traffic. The goods carried through the canal amounted to 32,622,000 tons, exceeding by more than three million tons the maximum recorded in 1927.

With regard to north-bound traffic, the European exports of manufactured goods have been stimulated by the increased purchasing power in the countries beyond the canal, due to their shipments of raw materials in 1927. The north-bound traffic increased by 2,200,000 tons, and it is a remarkable fact that this increase was spread over nearly all categories of goods.

Progress in the traffic of the Canal has continued during the current year, and the tonnage during the first four months of 1929 was 785,000 tons greater than that for the corresponding period of last year. Taken all round the position appears favourable, and there is every reason to believe that the year 1929 will show any falling off in the progress recently experienced.

Maintenance and improvement works were continued during 1928 with great activity. A total of 5,809,000 cubic metres of material was dredged, against 5,389,000 cubic metres in 1927; the maintenance dredging accounting for 37 per cent. of the total, against 25 per cent. at the end of the year.

The average depth of the canal at 10 metres was 60 metres or more for a distance of 125 kilometres. Deepening to 18 metres had been

completed for a distance of 118 kilometres.

In view of the continued increase in the dimensions of vessels passing through the Canal we have been considering a new type of steel mooring post, set in a foundation of reinforced concrete, and this type of post, which has been tested with success, will be gradually substituted for the existing mooring posts during the next few years.

Among new orders for material may be mentioned an 800-h.p. tug for service at Port Said, two 40-ton steam shears, and four fuel oil tank lighters. To complete our wireless organisation we have ordered a 250-watt station, which will be installed in the Ismailia offices and will enable direct communication to be maintained between vessels in transit and the Canal department concerned. Lower-power stations are also to be installed in the Port Said offices and in the pilot boats.—"Journal of Commerce."

THE "LADY PEEL"

PATROL LAUNCH FOR THE F.M.S. GOVERNMENT

Messrs. Thornycroft (Singapore) Ltd., have recently completed at their Tanjong Rhu shipyard a patrol launch for the F.M.S. Government Marine Department, Selangor. The principal dimensions of the vessels are as follows:—Length 60 ft.; beam, moulded 16 ft.; draft, extreme 6 ft. The propelling machinery is two Thornycroft type C/V four-cylinder engines fitted with their patent reducing-reversing gear, running on kerosene and each developing 75 h.p., the speed obtained being 10 knots.

The vessel will be mainly used by the Harbour Master, Selangor, in connection with his lighthouse inspections, and in this connection to ensure comfort for the occupants during trips of four or five days' duration. The European accommodation is arranged forward, and comprises a spacious saloon, two bedrooms, and a pantry with passage-way leading up into deck-saloon.

In the saloon sofa-berths are arranged each side, which will comfortably accommodate two persons for sleeping. Bookcase and writing tables, dining table, wardrobe, fans, and sideboard are also fitted. The woodwork is finished with panelling, french polished, coloured mahogany, which, with the royal blue floor rugs and brown linoleum, gives a very pleasing colour effect.

The bathrooms are finished in white enamel with red and white floor tiles. Shower baths and wash-basins are fitted in each bathroom, together with usual fixtures.

The deck-saloon is arranged to sleep two persons if necessary, and is so arranged that the occupants have access to one of the bathrooms without entering the forward accommodation. One extended truss this fact will no doubt be much appreciated.

Right aft in dock is the galley and store, together with a refrigerating plant. The crew are accommodated aft with a separate cabin for seaman and chief engineer. Electric lighting is installed throughout.

Fuel tanks are arranged for a capacity sufficient for a 600 miles cruise, while the fresh water tank capacity is approximately 450 gallons. A 16 ft. lifeboat and 12 ft. dinghy is fitted in davits aft.

The vessel left for Port Swettenham with Commander A. C. Bucknell, R.D., R.N.R., Harbour Master, Selangor, in charge. Head winds and heavy seas were encountered during the whole voyage which, including a two hours' stop at Port Dickson, occupied twenty-four hours.

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EMPIRESS OF FRANCE	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 12
EMPIRESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 9	Oct. 12	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 26
EMPIRESS OF ASIA	Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 7	Nov. 16
EMPIRESS OF CANADA	Nov. 13	Nov. 16	Nov. 19	Nov. 21	Nov. 30
EMPIRESS OF RUSSIA	Nov. 27	Nov. 30	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 14
EMPIRESS OF ASIA	Dec. 18	Dec. 21	Dec. 24	Dec. 26	Jan. 4
EMPIRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 15	Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Jan. 23	Feb. 1
EMPIRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 5	Feb. 8	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 22
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(secretary of Lloyd's Register), Mr. H. M. Clemenson (general manager, Chamber of Shipping), Mr. W. H. Fernall (chairman of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers), Sir Westcott Abell, K.B.E., Mr. Ald. Greenaway, Major V. Lawther (president of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers), Mr. D. J. Owen (Port of London Authority), and Mr. A. Findlay (secretary of the Baltic).

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DEATH

WONG TIN TSEUNG of Field Cot-
tage, Kowloon City. Funeral
will take place at Yat Pit Ting,
Kennedy Town, at 3.30 p.m.
Saturday, the 27th instant.

Hong Kong, Friday, July 26, 1929.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL POLICY

There will, of course, be a very
varied reception given to Mr.
Ramsay MacDonald's suggested
naval policy, and it is certain
that before it is finally agreed to
by the House of Commons it will
have to be very thoroughly dis-
cussed. It is so drastic that it
is little short of being revolution-
ary. The Prime Minister is
transparently sincere in his be-
lief of his proposals that in itself
almost compels admiration for
them. But on our first line of
defence we rely so very much that
we cannot, even for a moment,
permit of pleasing ideas usurping
the place of hard facts. Mr.
MacDonald is a Celt and all his
life, though he has probably cal-
led himself a rationalist, he has
been and is an idealist.

He accepts the principle of
parity, as suggested by the
Americans, as though it were a
matter of not the slightest mo-
ment, whereas it was to the Con-
servative Government a matter
of supreme importance. The
fact is that Mr. MacDonald thinks
of the Navy as in time of peace
whereas the Conservatives
thought of it and still think of it
as a war machine, which, of
course, is its primary purpose.
The chief object of the Labour
Government, like the Hoover
Administration, seems now to be
retrenchment. Economy has to
be effected no matter at what

risk; and the risk is very great
if we are to be content with what
the peace-loving Labour Party
regard as a "minimum." Their
"minimum," however, is based
upon data supplied by the experts
at the Admiralty. But though
Mr. MacDonald's statement was
convincing enough in its sincerity,
still he did not appear to be too
willing to give precise details and,
indeed, did not give them. This
question of a "minimum" may
yet prove to be "the fly in the
ointment," for unless it has been
made with a view fully to safe-
guarding the Empire, it is un-
likely that the Liberals will support
the Government, and without
such support the united weight
of the Conservative vote to which
there would probably be a good
many Liberal votes to be added,
it will collapse and with it the
Labour Government.

It is all very well to talk of
and desire peace and retrench-
ment, and doubtless a start must
be made in that direction towards
attaining a more rational state of
affairs, but evidently the time
has not yet arrived for revolu-
tionary changes in connection
with our Navy. Both the French
and the Italian Navies are to-day
larger than they were before the
war, and this is a factor that must
be taken into consideration no
matter how peaceable the outlook
may be at present. On the other
hand, there is no use entering
into Kellogg or any other kind of
peace pacts unless we are to do
something to make such more or
less idealistic arrangements prac-
tical. If along with this mutual
desire for curtailment in naval
armament an alliance between the
United States and Great Britain
were announced the disarmament
proposals of Mr. MacDonald
would be much more acceptable to
a majority of Britons. But to
enter upon them precipitately in
the hope that the example, excel-
lent as it is, will be followed by
other Powers, seems much too
dangerous an experiment and one
that should not be entered upon
except for reasons much more
cogent and convincing than those
so far given.

A tent marked "Woodbury, U.S.A.
Army" found in the possession of a
Chinese resulted in his being
charged at the Kowloon Magistracy
before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith with
unlawful possession.

A fine of \$50 was imposed by Mr.
T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon
Magistracy on a Chinese accountant
who pleaded "guilty" to the un-
lawful possession of 68 sticks of
dynamite without a permit. The
defendant's excuse was that the
dynamite was late in taking the
surplus dynamite back to the
quarry.

Two cases of enteric fever were
notified yesterday. One was Bri-
tish and the other Chinese.

Mrs. W. V. M. Koch, of No. 166.
The Peak, reported to the Police
last night the loss of a lady's
black satin cloak lined with genu-
ine ermine valued at \$250. It was
stolen from a box in her bedroom.
The last time she wore the cloak
was in November last.

A Chinese woman named Hui Kiu,
living at No. 8, Gilles-avenue,
Humphreys, yesterday turned over to
the Police a packet containing half
a pound of illicit raw opium. She
said that the drug was concealed
under a counter, and she suspects
that it had been "planted" there by
a man who lived in the front
cubicle.

In the Summary Court yesterday,
before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Lau
Kwok-ching, fireman's boy and
assistant to the No. 1 stoker on
board the R.M.S. "Empress of
Australia" sought to recover a sum
of \$881.60 on a promissory note
signed by Lau Sing, No. 1 fitter on
the same vessel. Defendant claim-
ed that the money owing was a
gambling debt. Judgment was
given for plaintiff with costs.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FILM CRITICISM

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]
Sir,—It was really cheering to read
that account of the protest made by
Mr. Mancini, regarding the quality of
the pictures shown at the "Queen's
Theatre," etc., during the past few
months.

What is needed now is the whole-
hearted support of the public, to follow
up the protest, then we can hope that
the Management of the Hong Kong
Amusements, Ltd., will do something
about it.

At one time, I could boast to my
people at home that we saw films quite
six months before they did: now my
sister writes from Constantinople and
has the laugh on me! I ask you!
One has only to read through some of
the motion picture magazines to realise
that we are getting positively ancient
pictures, to say the least, and most of
them are regarded as "second" and
even "third" choice (with very few
exceptions).

(1) When are we going to see even
one of the first class films?—
"The Trial of Mary Duggan,"
"The Divine Lady," "The Canary
Murder Case," "Alias Jimmy Valen-
tine," "Interference," and "The
Pleasant Inn," to cite only a small
number.

(2) Are we ever going to see
Colleen Moore, Bacalanova, Maurice
Chevalier, and many other first class
stars?

(3) Is there never going to be an
end to these dreadful circus pictures?
(4) Are Greta Garbo, Dolores Del
Rio, and Victor McLaglen, the manage-
ment's idea of "first class entertain-
ment?"

Well, I think that that is enough to
be going on with, though I could say
a good deal more.

Yours, etc.,

Hong Kong, July 26.

THE VOLUNTEERS

ORDERS FOR ENSUING WEEK

Orders by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird,
D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant, comprise
the following:—

Sports Sub-Committee Meeting
There will be a meeting of the
Sports Sub-Committee on Monday at
5.45 p.m., at Corps Headquarters.

Corps Band
There will be a full Band Practice
on Tuesday, at 5.30 p.m., at Corps
Headquarters, dress uniform.

Motor Cycle Section
Monday, All ranks parade at Corps
Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Road
Exercises. Dress uniform.

Mounted Infantry Company
Thursday, Parade at Riding School
at 5.30 p.m.

Scottish Company
Pipe Band, The Pipe and Drums
will parade at Corps Headquarters at
6 p.m. on Wednesday for practice.

In order to bring the Band up to
strength, arrangements have been
made for holding classes in Piping
under Pipe Major Mackie.

Will members of the Corps who
wish to take advantage of these
classes please send in their names
either to Captain Allister Mackenzie
or the Adjutant as soon as possible.

Portuguese Company
N.C.O.'s Class, N.C.O.'s are re-
minded that an extra class has been
arranged to-day at 5.30 p.m.

The next class after will be held
on Friday, August 2. N.C.O.'s are
reminded that there are only a few
more classes to be held before the
training season commences, and are
advised to attend as many as pos-
sible of these classes.

Transfer
No. 1408 Pte. H. O. Davies is trans-
ferred from No. 2 Platoon to The
Battery, as from July 22.

Leave
No. 1370 L/Sgt. J. Murray, Re-
serve Company, from July 20, 1929
to February 4, 1930, on medical
grounds.

Struck off the Strength
Having left the Colony, as from
July 20, 1929, No. 1250 Pte. F. F.
F. Swayne, Armoured Car Section.

The east stand at the Dell
Southampton's football ground, was
destroyed by fire on a recent Satur-
day an hour after the last match of
the season ended.

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

PRESENTATION TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY

MR. P. SANDS

The members of the European
Y.M.C.A. met last night for the pur-
pose of saying good-bye to Mr. P.
Sands, M.A., Assistant Secretary, who
is leaving to-morrow on the "Sawa
Maru" for England.

In the absence of the President, the
Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., pre-
sentation to Mr. Sands was made by
Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Vice-President of
the Association which took the form
of a silver junk, a travelling clock, and
a despatch case. Mr. Pattenden said
Mr. Sands had taken a prominent part
in all the Association's activities. He
had great personal influence and capa-
city for friendship and the members
were losing a real friend. He had also
largely interested himself in the reli-
gious life of the Colony, more especial-
ly at St. Andrew's, but he had always
been ready to help elsewhere. He
sincerely hoped that in years to come
Mr. Sands would return to work in
Hong Kong.

Mr. Sands' Reply

Expressing thanks Mr. Sands said
his three years at the Y.M.C.A. had
been very happy ones. He hoped the
spirit which prevailed in the Y.M.C.A.
would continue to grow and that the
Association would prosper spiritually,
in sport and in social service.

SMART WORK

WANCHAI MURDER AND A SEQUEL

SUSPECT IN CUSTODY

As a result of a smart piece of de-
fective work, a Chinese is now in
Police custody on a charge of murder.
The murder occurred at 6.35 p.m.,
yesterday, and the alleged culprit was
arrested within an hour.

The murdered man was a coolie
named Yung Lek-hong (53), living at
No. 12, Stone Nullah-lane. He was
found dead outside No. 2, Taiyuan-
street with a stab wound in the chest.
Near the body was a rattan maker's
blood-stained needle, which was un-
doubtedly the weapon used by the mur-
derer.

Working on this clue, C.I.D. men
made investigations which resulted in
the arrest of another coolie named
Yeung Kwai-tin (40), who lives at No.
2, Bullock-lane, second floor.

The motive of the crime is as yet
unknown, but it has been ascertained
by his finger-print that the dead coolie
had been banished for life from Singa-
pore and Hong Kong, and it is also
suspected that the arrested man may
also be a life banished.

It is possible that the men had quar-
relled in Singapore and a grudge had
been nursed by one, resulting in the
taking of revenge when they met in
Hong Kong.

The Police removed the body to the
Public mortuary.

USE YOUR HAND!

FIGHTERS WENT "OUTSIDE THE RULES"

MAGISTERIAL HOMILY

"You went outside the rules of the
game when you used weapons like
this," Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morn-
ing told two of three Chinese who
appeared before him on a charge of dis-
orderly conduct by fighting on the
Shaikwan-road.

Sergeant Hynes, the prosecuting
officer, told the Magistrate that there
appeared to have been a dispute be-
tween the Chinese workers at the Hong
Kong Electric Company's power sta-
tion, and the upshot was that they
divided into two gangs and there was
a battle royal in which irons, spanners
and poles were used.

One of the accused had his head
cracked, and appeared in Court with
bandages.

Mr. Hamilton: These are not our
friends the "Fierce Tigers" again, are
they?—No.

Addressing the three accused his
Worship said: "You have got to know
that you cannot do this sort of thing.
I am going to bind you all over in the
sum of \$50 each to keep the peace for
six months."

"A Gentleman—More or Less?"
To the man with the bandaged head,
Mr. Hamilton said: "You seem to have
used your hands and to have been more
or less a gentleman about it. I will
discharge you with a caution."

The remarks quoted at the top of
this report were then addressed by
the Magistrate to the other two men
who were ordered to pay fines of \$5
or 10 days' hard labour.

Speaking to all three accused jointly,
his Worship said: "You cannot be
allowed to be disorderly in any case.
If you have got to fight use your
hands, and remember that people who
use their hands get off much better
than those who use weapons."

SHANGHAI WHEEL

MEXICAN DEFENDANTS SENTENCED

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Senors Carlos Garcia and Del
Valle, the Mexican defendants in
the "wheel" (roulette) gambling
case in the International Settlement
were each sentenced to one year's
imprisonment and a fine of \$2,000
by the Provisional Court, this
afternoon.

Notice of appeal has been fol-
lowed.—Reuter.

P'RAPs

P'RAPs NOT!

Husband (who has been asked to
try cake baking in oven): "Darling
—is it done when the knife breaks
off inside it?"

Three men of different national-
ities were discussing the size of pre-
sent day officers.

First Man: "Our ships are so
large that the captain requires a
motor car to go round issuing
orders."

Second Man: "In our liners the
chief engineer has an aeroplane for
making his inspection of the
engines."

Third Man: "In our boats the
chief needs a submarine to go
through the soup to test the
potatoes."

Mike and Pat were arguing about
their ability to carry loads. Pat
claimed he could carry 200 pounds.

"But I did it yesterday," per-
sisted Pat.

"Did yez carry a barrel of flour,
then?" asked Mike.

"I did not. But I carried an
automobile tyre over each shoulder
savin blocks for the boss. And I
heard the man say there was 100
pounds of air in each wan av them."

Dr. Lewis, an old-time Welsh
divine, composed a sixteenpenny pam-
phlet on "How Sin Came Into the
World."

A friend of his, who was known
to be somewhat heterodox in his
theology, advised Lewis to add a
chapter telling how to get sin out
of the world; he could thus make
it a shilling pamphlet—and it would
be well worth the additional six-
pence.

A very small boy was trying to
lead a big St. Bernard up the road.

"Where are you going to take
that dog, my little man?" inquired
a passer-by.

"I'm going to see where—
where he wants to go first," was the
breathless reply.

"I'm a \$10,000-a-year man."

"Then that makes your wife a
\$9900-a-year woman, doesn't it?"

Secretary: "You have an ap-
pointment with the photographer
at two."

Executive: "I'm too busy to go.
You'll have to attend to it."

"Mrs. Loude is quite frank, isn't
she?"

"Frank? Why, she calls a spade
a steam shovel!"

Lady: "You have a picture there
by Rubens priced at one and six-
pence. Can you tell me if it is
original or a copy?"

Little Girl: "I'm glad I wasn't
born in France, daddy."

Dad: "Why my child?"

Little Girl: "Cos I don't know
any French."

"We've got a brand new mahog-
any piano," said Mr. Cumrox.

"But nobody in your family can
play it?"

"Yes, that's the best thing about
it."

Jinks: "Did you give an open-
air show in spite of the rain?"

Binks: "Yes; the stage was
sheltered by trees."

Jinks: "What about the au-
dience?"

Binks: "Oh, he was quite all
right; we lent him a mackintosh."

The Victorian grandparent disap-
pointingly gazed on his young grand-
daughter.

"Art, my dear," he observed
sentimentally, and pointing an
accusing finger to her lipstick,
"art cannot improve on nature."

"Oh, rot, old bean," she cried
cheerily. "Think how perfectly
comic you'd look without your false
teeth!"

A certain workman got up too
late for work one Monday morning.
He was in a big dilemma what ex-
cuse to make, as the firm was busy.

However, going to the works on
Tuesday, a brilliant idea struck
him.

The foreman came to him later,
and said surlily: "And where were
you yesterday?"

"It's like this, boss," replied the
workman, seriously. "I'm sorry, but
I've got a rip-off calendar by my
bed, and when I went to bed on
Sunday night I forgot to rip one off.
I appened to look at it Monday
mornin' and it said Sunday on it,
and I went off to sleep again."

Fond Mother: "My son has many
original ideas, hasn't he?"

Teacher: "Yes, especially in
spelling."

"Here is an equestrian statue of
Jeanne d'Arc."

"And is the horse made of the
same material?"

WATER CHARGES

Free Allowance Not Yet To Be Abolished

ECONOMY URGED

Tytam Tuk Temporary Catchwaters

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., Attorney General, announced that the water situation had so improved since the previous Council meeting, that it had been decided not to make the regulations abolishing the so-called free allowance.

A series of questions was also asked by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., relative to the harbour pipe line and temporary catchwaters at Tytam Tuk.

In moving the second reading of the Bill intitled "An Ordinance to amend the Waterworks Ordinance 1903," the Attorney General said:

The water situation has improved so much since this Council last met that it has been decided not to make at present the regulations abolishing the so-called free allowance. It may still be necessary to make these regulations: abolishing the free allowance. That will depend on two things, firstly, the rainfall and, secondly, the consumption. It may be that if we get a very dry August—and the minimum rainfall in August is under four inches—we may have to reconsider the making of these regulations. On the other hand, if we get a moderate rainfall but the consumption has risen considerably on account of the relaxation of the restrictions, it may still be necessary to consider making these regulations. It is, therefore, important that economy in the use of water should still be exercised. Hon. members will, of course, understand that if it should be necessary to make these regulations before the end of this current quarter, an event which one hopes will not take place, the new prices contained in the regulations, including the charge for the so-called free allowance, will apply to all water supplied by meter during the current quarter, that is if the regulations are made before the current quarter expires. This temporary proposal, which was dictated by the present emergency, is therefore suspended for the time being and may be abandoned altogether. On the other hand, the present emergency is not over though it is less urgent, and it may even last until the next summer rains. We must, therefore, contemplate the possibility of the introduction of these regulations which have been thus suspended.

Could be Abolished

I am, however, authorised to say on behalf of the Government that if at any future time, after the present emergency has ceased, any abolition of the free allowance is contemplated, an opportunity will be given to the Legislative Council to discuss the proposal before any actual abolition takes place.

What I have said, Sir, refers to the draft regulations which were published in the "Gazette." Though they are not to be proceeded with at present, it is proposed to continue the enactment of the Bill. I should explain that there is much in the Bill which is of general importance and which is desirable quite apart from any question of the present emergency or the abolition of the free allowance. As a matter of fact the free allowance could be abolished by the Governor in Council at the present moment even without the amending Ordinance. One thing the Bill proposes to do is to bring the penalties for water offences up to more adequate standards. I think it is generally recognised that the present penalties are inadequate in many cases. It also recognises what has long been the basis of the practical calculation of excess consumption, what I call the "meter reader's quarter." It also makes it possible in any future emergency to make regulations to carry out what perhaps I may be allowed to call the Hon. Dr. Tso's scheme dealing with the water supplies at the street fountains. So in many respects the provisions of the Bill are desirable for general reasons and I submit that the enactment of it should be proceeded with. I beg to move the second reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a second time.

Amendment Approved

Council went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause. The Attorney General—I beg to move that clause 4 be omitted as was explained on the introduction of the Bill and that the succeeding clauses be renumbered.

The Colonial Secretary seconded. The amendment was approved. The Attorney General—I beg to move sub-clause 1 of clause 14 be amended to read "by sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Ordinance."

The Colonial Secretary seconded. The amendment was approved. Upon Council resuming, the Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Tytam Catchwaters

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked:

1. With reference to the statement made by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, at the last meeting of this Council, to the effect that, in connection with the Dragon's Back West catchwater, a temporary channel dealing with over 150 acres of the area to be drained by that catchwater is being made and will be completed this month, and such temporary catchwater is nearly one mile in length and will have a maximum capacity of ten million gallons per day, will the Government (in view of the extreme importance of collecting into Tytam Tuk Reservoir as much rainwater as possible during the present rainy season) consider the advisability of promptly constructing other temporary catchwaters either from the Dragon's Back or Mount Parker or elsewhere which will drain yet further and larger areas in its neighbourhood into that Reservoir?

2. With reference to the Hon. Colonial Secretary's statement at the last meeting of this Council to the effect that "two Engineers have already been asked for," will the Government state on what date those two additional Engineers were asked for?

3. With reference to the following statements of His Excellency the Governor at the last meeting of this Council: "We propose also without delay to carry the pipe-line across the harbour, a single pipe-line in the first place, because it is really in the nature of an experiment. We are not quite certain of the result, but we are all hoping that it will be a complete success. To construct two pipe-lines will commit the Colony to an expenditure which is unwarrantable in view of the many doubts which still hang over the scheme."

(i) What are the many doubts which still hang over the scheme?

(ii) Is it not the fact that many pipe-lines have been successfully carried over the surface of the bottom of Barrat Inlet, Vancouver, at both the First and Second Narrows?

(iii) Will the Government communicate promptly with the Municipality of Vancouver, with the view of ascertaining by what methods that Municipality has accomplished the laying of pipe-lines across the said Narrows and whether those methods have been successful?

Colonial Secretary's Reply

The Colonial Secretary replied: 1. It is not considered economical to construct further temporary channels in the vicinity of Dragon's Back or Mt. Parker. The channel now under construction is relatively easy and economical owing to the proximity of the principal stream to Tytam Tuk Reservoir. Any other channels constructed as suggested would have to drain into the present channel which has a maximum capacity of 10 million gallons per day. Their principal yield therefore would be lost by overflow and would not reach Tytam Tuk.

2. A requisition for two Engineers for the Waterworks Sub-Department was addressed to the Secretary of State on March 22, 1929, and a request was made that the services of Mr. Henderson might be utilised in selecting the officers.

3. (i) The pipe line is to be laid along the bed of the harbour. It will be exposed to the risk of dragging anchors, and of ships inadvertently dropping their anchors in the proximity of the pipes even though the area is prohibited anchorage. The effects of corrosion and abrasion have still to be experienced; also the effect of typhoons upon the shore connections of the pipe line at each end.

Special joints are required and only experience can show if the type selected will prove the best possible.

The best method of laying the pipes can only be discovered by the experience to be gained in laying the first pipe.

(ii) Numerous submarine water pipe lines have been laid in various places including the place referred to by the member.

(iii) Information from the Vancouver authorities was obtained several months ago and carefully studied, but it was not considered necessary, in view of the information received, to alter the details of the proposed scheme for Hong Kong.

The experience of the Administration Board of the Greater Vancouver Water District has shown that the laying of pipe-lines across the bed of a harbour subject to strong tidal action, and also a feature of open harbours, has serious disadvantages. Constant movement of sand and gravel by the force of the tides causes serious abrasion of the pipes. Then again, pipes are sometimes broken by the dropping of ships' anchors in and

BANKS CLOSED

SEQUEL TO VICE-PRESIDENT'S DISAPPEARANCE

STATE ACTION

New York, Yesterday. The State Banking Department of New Jersey has ordered the closing of the Hobart Trust Company of Passaic, New Jersey, with two of its subsidiary banks, the Merchants' Bank of Passaic and the Service Trust Company of New Jersey, with total assets of five million dollars.

This decision recalls the mysterious disappearance of Mr. William Elliot, Vice-President of the Hobart Company, at the beginning of the month. Elliot reappeared after three days, and said that he had been kidnapped by Chicago gunmen.—Reuter's American Service.

THEFTS IN KOWLOON

Mrs. E. H. Othen, of No. 15, Cameron-road, Kowloon, has reported to the Police that some time between noon and 4 p.m., yesterday a thief entered the hall of the house and stole a "pram" valued at \$40.

A pair of flannel trousers, valued at \$15, were reported by Mr. A. Laughton, No. 11, Cameron-road, Kowloon, to have been stolen from the roof of the house, where they had been hung up to dry.

The engagement is announced of Mr. William Maxwell Denison, son of Mr. A. J. Denison, and Miss Gladys Elene Gatacre. Mr. A. J. Denison is a partner of Messrs. Comberbatch and Co., Colombo. He left Ceylon some years ago and resides at Castlesham Manor, Godalming, Surrey.

den emergencies. This risk of course increases with the steady increase in the volume of shipping.

The Administration Board of the Greater Vancouver Water District is not altogether satisfied with its cross-harbour pipe-lines, and is considering the feasibility of boring a pressure tunnel. Details of the laying of a pipe line at Guayaquil, Ecuador, where conditions are similar to those of Hong Kong harbour have also been received and considered.

The Peak Supply As announced in the "China Mail" yesterday, it had been decided to grant the Peak district an eight hours a day supply as from tomorrow, instead of the present four hours a day. According to an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue, the hours of supply will be from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Building Supplies Water supplies to buildings under erection, as advertised elsewhere in this issue, will be connected on application to the Water Authority. It is also announced that no supplies to wharves on the island will be re-connected for the present. Water boat supplies will, however, be available from the Laichikok Dock on and after August 1.

Official Report An official report on water emergency measures by the Director of Public Works states that owing to the easing of the water situation it has been decided that the provision of further wooden chlorinating tanks for nullah supplies be allowed to fall into abeyance. There are several of such tanks ready on hand and they can be installed at short notice, if the situation changes for the worse.

For House Cleansing For the purpose of utilising the water for house cleansing, the work of drawing from the well in Happy Valley is being proceeded with, as it is felt that the scheme will afford a valuable supply for that purpose.

Statistics and Information The following statistics and information have been issued by the Water Control Office:

Amounts of water handled by this office and placed in the tanks along the Praya Wall are:

From Lai Chi Kok, 880 tons, equal to 35,120 gallons.

From Tsin Wan, 910 tons, equal to 203,840 gallons.

From Steamers, Wang Mun & Co., 10,869 tons, equal to 2,424,656 gallons.

Total 12,159 tons, equal to 2,723,616 gallons.

No large quantities of water were handled from ships in transit, but the "Paul Beau" and "Charles Hardouin," the a.s. "Hai Ning," "Hai Ching," "Hai Yang" of the Douglas S.S. Co. brought a total of 1,790 tons of water which was pumped direct into the tanks.

The M. V. "Fu Kwang" brought in 6,415 tons from the Canton River and Wang Mun.

Tanks cleaned during the week by coolies under the control of the Government Analyst were Nos. 8, 9 and 11 brick, and No. 9 steel tank, near Douglas Wharf. Reports of water taken from the taps at the tanks by Dr. Minett, Government Bacteriologist, were excellent.

Full negotiations with regard to charter of coasting vessels for the Tytam Tuk service are being held at present.

IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN TO JAVA

A recent arrival in Shanghai on the "Empress of Russia" was Mrs. C. F. B. Jackson, cousin of Mr. Tarleton, Director of the United States Line.

The Public Health Department at Nanking has ordered an analysis of the Yangtze river water to see whether or not it is good for health.

Four armed men obtained \$34 in a raid made on a Chinese dwelling house in Alabaster Road, Shanghai. One of the occupants of the house attempted to follow the men, but they scattered and escaped down different alleyways.

As the relations between China and Japan have improved Mr. Uyemura, acting Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai, extended an invitation to local Chinese journalists to an entertainment at his residence.

The appeal of Mendal Shornick, a Russian Jew, against a \$500 fine imposed on him by the Provisional Court recently for assisting a fugitive from justice by the name of Sterling, was dismissed in the Criminal Appeal Division of the Court, Shanghai. The police brought an unsuccessful counter-appeal to increase the punishment.

Fines totalling \$7.50 were imposed by Mr. A. J. Martin in the British Police Court, Shanghai, on Mr. C. R. Judah for violations of traffic regulations. The defendant was fined \$5 on a summons for parking his car in a prohibited area in Jinke Road and \$2.50 for a similar offence in Szechuen Road near Nanking Road.

At the Plenary Session of the C.E.C. at Nanking Mr. Tsau Yitong introduced a set of regulations providing for popular education. His aim is that within a short period the whole nation should be able to read ordinary writing in order that the question of political tutelage may be satisfactorily solved and the dream of autonomous government be realized.—Kuo Wen.

Mr. Goffredo Bovo, the Italian Consul, who for a number of years has been in charge of Portuguese interests in Bangkok, has had his services recognised by the Lisbon Government, which has conferred upon him a Commander'ship in the Order of Christ. Mr. Bovo was in charge of the Portuguese Consulate from 1919 to the beginning of 1927.

FAMOUS FEUD

MRS. R.L.S.'S "GLAD HENLEY IS DEAD"

New and interesting light on the feud that existed between Mrs. Stevenson, wife of R.L.S., and W. E. Henley, the poet friend of the famous writer, is shed by the following letter, now published for the first time.

It was written by Mrs. Stevenson to Sir Edmund Gosse after Henley's death in 1903, and nine years after the death of her own husband in Samoa. The letter was among the literary effects of Sir Edmund Gosse recently sold at Sotheby's.

The Judson Washington Square, New York City, N.Y.

"My Dear Friend—This is just a miserable little hook dropped in to space in the hope that I may draw it out to find that I have caught a letter from you. It is so long since I heard from you that you may have forgotten me by this time."

And that old wallowing behemoth, Henley, is dead. I pretend no regrets. I was glad when I heard it. I wish he had died in the hospital Louis rescued him from.

Whisky Allowance From the beginning he did Louis all kinds of harm. Me, he hated more bitterly even than he did you. I always wondered why he hated you? Do you know?

"He had any number of reasons for disliking me, and some of them in a manner justified. I put him on an allowance of whisky when he visited us and wouldn't allow him in the house when I was absent. I did a good many infuriating things."

"Several times I stopped Louis giving him money that Louis needed himself—or, still more, exasperating—that I meant to spend on myself."

"I also refused to let Louis buy a bronze replica of the bust of my father, which looked to me more like the portrait of a successful dentist than anything else. You see I deserved things."

With kindest regards to your wife and family. Your almost obdurate friend,
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

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WATER BOAT SUPPLIES, LAICHKOK.

Such supplies will be available from the Laichikok Water Boat Dock on and after 1st August, 1929.

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Public Works Department, Hong Kong, 25th July, 1929.

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SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions To-day—Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel—Dinner Dances, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Casanova, The Prince of Adventurers."

To-day—World Theatre; "Square Crooks."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Boxer Bride."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Loves of Pharaoh."

July 27—Brilliant Company of Versatile Stars, at Kowloon Cricket Club, 9.15 p.m.

Lammert's Auction July 30—At 319, Nathan Road, Kowloon, household furniture, 11 a.m.

Home Malls To-morrow—Inward from America and ports ("President Monroe").

To-morrow—Outward for Straits, Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles ("Suwa Maru") 9.30 a.m.

Land Sales July 29—At P.W.D. Offices, four lots of Crown land, at Wong-nel-cheung, Wanchai Gap, Shamshuipo and Prince Edward Road, 3 p.m.

Passengers who left the F.M.S. for Home by the "Kashgar" included Mr. Justice W. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Webb, Mrs. G. C. Colclough, Mr. H. A. Wenman, Mr. W. G. Spencer and Co. Sergt. Major F. Smith.

A collision occurred between a motor-cycle combination and a motor car in which the Duke of York was travelling at Staines, Middlesex, but the Duke was able to continue his journey after satisfying himself that only minor damage had been done.

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Of considerable importance also is the water shortage. The first corner has been turned, much to the relief of the Government and the public, but the problem is not completely solved yet. It will be instructive to folks at Home to read how every drop of rain and each gallon of water is being watched studiously; and the "Overland" will tell them all the news about it.

The local tribunals have had a very busy week. In certain proceedings, a discourse on the mui tsai was given by an acknowledged expert, whose views will be very carefully read in Britain, we are sure. The July Criminal Sessions provided fair "copy" and the holding of two District Courts Martial on one day is not altogether common. Much criticism of films was made at the annual meeting of Hong Kong Amusements Limited.

The "Overland" gives the news of the week, local, social, sport, "China" political, etc. Be sure to get your copy.

In the whirl of a trying Hong Kong summer rendered all the more unbearable by the acute shortage of water, letters to relatives and friends in other parts of the world frequently fail to be written even by the most ardent correspondents. It is a kindly thought, therefore, to ensure that these away from the Colony, or folks at Home, should have an unfailing supply of Hong Kong and China news every week. By means of a subscription to the "Overland China Mail". Without any trouble of packing and worrying about the Post Office on your part, and at a one-and-only cost of H.K.\$3.75 for three months, the "Overland China Mail" will be sent Home for you every week, catching the mail regularly. It contains just the news, features and pictures from the daily "China Mail" that make a studied appeal to people with any interest.

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Interesting reports of the American Museum of Natural History disclose conditions of life in the Aleutian Islands, especially the Pribilof, from which the best fur seal comes.

The Aleutians are a chain of islands in Alaska territory, dividing the Bering Sea from the Pacific Ocean.

The total population has fallen from 30,000 to a little over 1,000, due mainly to the acts of Russian hunters in decimating the sea mammals, which were their principal source of food.

On the Pribilof Islands sealing is carried on under the United States Government. The islanders are regarded as Government labourers and no outsider may land there without a special permit. This restriction also applies to the crews of revenue cutters cruising round the islands during the summer. Leave of absence is reluctantly granted to the Aleuts, and none are allowed to return after a year's absence or more.

All the adult Aleuts take part in killing the seal. Almost every day during the summer the fur seals are cut off from their escape to the sea and are driven inland from their rookeries. About half a mile from the shore, the herd is examined. Females, old males and puppies are "cut out" and sent back to the coast. The males between two and five years old are driven to the killing places. The animals are clubbed senseless by blows from long sticks, after which their throats are cut and they are skinned.

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The community is credited with two dollars for each seal killed. Each head of family has an account with the Government store, where he may obtain ready-made clothing, imported food, tools and other needed commodities, as well as luxuries. Toward the end of the year the hunter receives his balance in money.

Large families receive more than small ones, regardless of the number of hunters; widows and orphans of men who died in the Government service receive their share.

The sealing is profitable. Statistics for 1927, the latest year for which they are available, show that 21,302 seal-skins were sold, realising \$149,100; 728 blue foxes, which abound on the islands, were sold for \$7,746.

The Aleuts are comfortably housed. Each family has a nice cottage, and receives stoves, coal, and electricity, and in general is well provided for.

While they have capitulated to Christianity, especially since America bought Alaska from the Russians, many ancient marriage customs survive, such as the husband living with all his wife's sisters and the wife living with as many of the husband's brothers as she can keep house for.

The islands have American schools, and the young Aleut is becoming proficient in English. The Aleuts have no dogs or other domestic animals. All the settlements being near the shore, communication is by means of skin-boats. The bow is still used in hunting the bear and the reindeer. They are not allowed firearms.

SAVAGE ATTACK

"SOCONY" MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED

BY FORMER EMPLOYEE

Mr. Felix G. Sutter, a native of Switzerland, superintendent at the Pandacan plant of the Standard Oil Company (in the Philippines), lay near death recently at St. Paul's Hospital from injuries received when he was struck over the head with a hammer by a Filipino employee of the company whom he had previously dismissed.

Mr. Sutter is still unconscious. His right eye was removed by attending physicians. He has a fractured skull and a fractured right cheek bone, and his left eye is so badly injured that it will have to be removed, according to the physicians.

Amado Hermoso (24), of 261 Calle Industria, is under arrest, charged with the infliction of serious physical injuries. According to the story told to the police, Mr. Sutter dismissed Hermoso from the plant for negligence in the performance of duties about the place. He was employed to fill gasoline cans.

Hermoso was seen about the plant carrying a large piece of lead. It is said that he attacked Mr. Sutter from behind, striking him on the back of the head and again on the right side of the head before Mr. Sutter dropped unconscious.

It is said that after the assault Hermoso ran amuck, looking for the substitute that had been hired in his place.

A thunderstorm cut short a speech by Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., at an open-air demonstration at Derby recently.

MONEY AND SHARES

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Richard Barthelmess

Years ago the excellence of "Tolable David," an inspiration film starring Richard Barthelmess, won it the photoplay medal as the season's best picture. The medal reposed in the Inspiration offices. Richard Barthelmess has hankered for that medal. Recently, whilst in New York, J. Boyce Smith conferred with P. W. S. Fellow, Inspiration executive, Walter Camp, regarding the medal. They decided to offer it to Barthelmess; rather than to Director Henry King or Arthur Joseph Hergesheimer.

Mr. Barthelmess arrived at Mr. Smith's office at the appointed hour. He was delighted to hear the medal was to be given to him.

But Mr. Smith, according to the story, remarked that the medal had been appraised and found to have seventy or eighty dollars worth of gold in it. Subsequently, Mr. Barthelmess could have it for a monetary consideration. Latest reports indicate the medal is still under Inspiration's roof.

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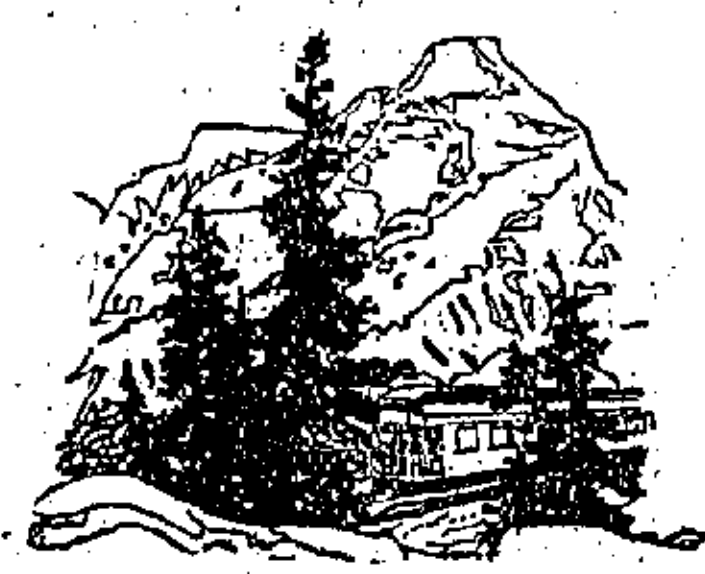
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FOURTH TEST TO-MORROW

London, Yesterday. Playing in a two days' match against Durham, one of the minor counties, at Sunderland, the South Africans won by an innings and 60 runs. Scores:—Durham (1st innings) 112 runs (Q. MacMillan took 5 wickets for 43 runs) and (2nd innings) 71 runs. South Africans 243 runs (H. G. Owen-Smith made 102; A. L. Howell took 5 wickets for 74 runs).

Tate's Injury

On the first day of the match at Brighton for his county, Sussex, against Derbyshire, Maurice Tate (the England bowler and hitter) strained a calf muscle. He was medically examined this morning and will be unable to play, although selected, in the Fourth Test against the South Africans, commencing at Manchester on July 27.—Reuter.

["Patsy" Hendren of Middlesex is 12th man but he is essentially a bowler and fieldman. Tate played in the three previous Tests.]

FOOTBALL

PROPOSED ALTERATION TO RULES

MEETING ON AUGUST 2

An extraordinary general meeting of the Football Association will be held in the Association Offices, French Bank Buildings, at 5.30 p.m., on Friday, August 2, to consider the following alteration to League Rule 16:—

Delete all from the word "A" to "route" in second paragraph and substitute: "A fee of \$5 will be paid to Referees."

The attention of Hon. Secretaries of Clubs affiliating to the Association for 1929-30 is drawn to Association Rule 7 which requires all particulars together with annual subscription to be in the hands of the Association Hon. Secretary before September 1. As the Football League has now been taken over by the Association, it would facilitate matters if entries for the League also accompanied the entries to the Association.

It has been decided to make the presentation to Mr. F. W. Black, on his departure for Home, in view of his services to football generally during his sojourn in the Colony, at a dinner at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on August 10. Tickets for the dinner can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the Football Association at \$2.50 per head. Applications for tickets must be in by August 6. (Dress optional).

WATER POLO

LIST OF LEAGUE FIXTURES THIS YEAR

- 1st Round**
- July 29 Somersets v. Kowloon "A."
Chinese "B" v. K.O.S.B. "B."
30 K.O.S.B. "A" v. Royal Navy.
Chinese "A" v. V.R.C. "A."
31 Kowloon "B" v. V.R.C. "B."
- 2nd Round**
- Aug. 5 Somersets v. Chinese "B."
Kowloon "A" v. K.O.S.B. "B."
6 K.O.S.B. "A" v. Kowloon "B."
Royal Navy v. V.R.C. "A."
7 V.R.C. "B" v. Chinese "A."
- 3rd Round**
- Aug. 12 Somersets v. K.O.S.B. "B."
Kowloon "A" v. K.O.S.B. "A."
13 Chinese "B" v. Royal Navy.
Chinese "A" v. Kowloon "B."
14 V.R.C. "A" v. V.R.C. "B."
- 4th Round**
- Aug. 19 Somersets v. V.R.C. "B."
Kowloon "A" v. Chinese "B."
20 K.O.S.B. "A" v. V.R.C. "A."
Chinese "A" v. Royal Navy.
21 K.O.S.B. "B" v. Kowloon "B."
- 5th Round**
- Aug. 26 Kowloon "A" v. Royal Navy.
Chinese "A" v. K.O.S.B. "B."
27 V.R.C. "B" v. K.O.S.B. "B."
Chinese "B" v. Kowloon "B."
28 Somersets v. V.R.C. "A."
- 6th Round**
- Sept. 2 Somersets v. Kowloon "B."
Chinese "A" v. Kowloon "A."
3 Chinese "B" v. V.R.C. "A."
K.O.S.B. "A" v. K.O.S.B. "B."
4 Royal Navy v. V.R.C. "B."

The proposed amateur Argonauts club again failed to gain election to the Football League.

EXHIBITION TENNIS

YENCHING PLAYERS IN TIENTSIN

FINE DISPLAY OF DOUBLES

Tientsin, July 8.

The exhibition games between visiting players from Yenching University and local representatives on the courts of the T.L.T.A. on Saturday yielded four sets only, of which one was brilliant and the other three good, bad and indifferent. The visitors came in like lions and went out like lambs.

Kao and Jen started against Omar Rumjahn and Dr. Chin as if they meant to blow the local men off the courts. The Yenching boys exhibited the utmost confidence, were not in the least bothered by the gallery (which consisted predominantly of Chinese) and started hitting at top speed right away. Indeed the second and third games of the opening set provided much of the best brand of tennis of the whole afternoon, and the set itself outclassed any previous doubles play seen here this season. Two spectacular features were Kao's forehand driving and Rumjahn's smashing. Whenever the local pair came up to the net, Kao tried to overwhelm them with sheer force, but he always found it hard to beat Rumjahn, though very often Kao's drives fell limply off Chin's racket. And when the Yenching pair varied their tactics and lobbed, they found both their opponents safe. Chin got back most things, but there was little sting in either his smashes or his topspin drives. On the other hand Rumjahn punished all lobs with exceptional severity, going for them with a will every time and scoring a good many aces. Kao's work at the net was perhaps the prettier. He never seemed flustered in the least. His "kills" at the net were unreturnable, though he did not throw away his energy, preferring to angle his net volleys so astutely that even if they were recovered the opposing pair were forced out of court and left at his mercy.

Jen was somewhat erratic after his confident opening in the first set, when his exhibition was hardly inferior to that of his partner. The service of both was fast and accurate, and Jen's placements well-judged. But in the second set he went to pieces and his example was followed by his partner. They looked like being overwhelmed with a 6-1 score against them when they suddenly picked up again and from 5-1 they got on level terms. During this period Rumjahn seemed to have faded out of the picture. The Yenching pair concentrated on his partner, who was always willing—perhaps a little too willing—and Rumjahn had practically nothing to do. Rumjahn was the decisive factor in the games that settled the issue, and he finally won the set and the match with an extraordinarily pretty stop-volley from inside the service line. His accuracy all through was remarkable, and his volleying particularly good. Chin was steadier than Jen, and never stopped trying. Rumjahn and Chin won 7-5, 8-6.

The Singles Match

The singles match between V. Yacovlevsky and Chin (Peking) went to the local player easily, 6-2, 6-1. The Yenching boy was painfully nervous and when he did get control of himself in the second set he found that Yacovlevsky was playing with the utmost confidence, power and accuracy, and he hardly got a chance. The winner started badly, double-faulting three times in the first game, but he soon recovered, while Chin could hardly do a thing right. He mistimed his drives, "pulled" them time and again in his nervous anxiety, double-faulted, and netted his backhand returns. In the second set he set his

teeth and started to hit, and a few good rallies resulted. Chin is probably a better player than would appear from his exhibition in this match, but he has yet to develop the right temperament for public displays of this description. Yacovlevsky's driving in the second set was remarkably accurate. He completely beat his opponent again and again with backhand and forehand drives to the corner, and seldom gave Chin time to get well up to the net.

SECOND DAY

Yenching Lost All Three

One set of sparkling, all-round tennis—tennis with a keen edge to it, with every point gained by hard-bitten determination and real skill—and then the complete subjection of the one to the other. This tells the story of the long awaited meeting of Kao of Yenching and A. L. Rumjahn, the Singles title-holder. The exhibition was exceedingly disappointing save for the first set, and nobody was more dissatisfied than Kao himself, who is confident he can do better and has asked that another match be arranged between himself and Rumjahn, which is to be played on the Association court to-morrow at 5 o'clock.

The preliminary warning up established high expectations. Kao revealed a punching drive on both forehand and backhand, with length and speed. But later on in the battle for points, he forgot the power of his drive, and did the worst thing he could possibly have done—he tried to beat Rumjahn by superior steadiness. The latter is more accurate than a good many people think. If his errors were averaged up the result would surprise those who are prone to regard him as rather a care-free player. But he is also ever ready to take a chance, and without a spice of adventure, without a dare now and then, and especially when things seem to be going a trifle



Joe Turnesa's middle name should be "Courage" because the tall, slim ex-caddy from Westchester always shows to the best advantage when the competition is the toughest. Look at his finish in the Yorkshire Purse in England; when he was dormie three to Herbert Jolly. Joe went out and won four straight holes with an eagle on the last one to win the big end of the purse.

OLD TAYLOR

AGED BY TIME

wrong, nothing was ever won. This was where Kao lost out. He forgot to take chances, he rarely if ever flung his racket viciously at the ball, and after one very successful spell at the net he found Rumjahn pitching the ball at his feet a little too frequently for his liking, and he incontinently abandoned this. Hard hitting and speedy and determined following up might have turned the course of the game, but when Kao lost the first set he lost the match, morally at any rate.

The first set was well worth the trouble of going out to see. Kao's service was in fine shape. The long high bounce compelled Rumjahn to take it deep, near the back-screen, and Kao's long legs took him to the net in a few strides to stop whatever came back. The first two games went to the Yenching boy, and after dropping a game he maintained his lead of two in the fourth game, which was easily the most stirring of the afternoon. Twice Kao came up and left Rumjahn standing helplessly beyond the service line. Then he made two astounding recoveries from almost impossible positions, getting the point with a slashing-kill at the net which was worthy of the very best company, while Rumjahn himself was playing at the very top of his form. This game roused the spectators to the greatest enthusiasm, but there was little more of such exchanges as these. Rumjahn's backhand shots repeatedly hit the tape, and Kao was too prone to drive out. The Yenching player led at 4-2, and again was two ahead at 5-3, but in the vital game, he became listless, and Rumjahn three times forced him hopelessly out of position, and ultimately got level at 5-5. After Rumjahn had got the lead for the first time in the set Kao resorted to ultra-cautious methods, and his nerveless returns were mercilessly disposed of at the net, the set point being gained with a lovely back-hander which dropped in the angle of the base-line.

The second set started with some pretty exchanges in mid-court, with Rumjahn generally emerging on top. The first two games went to him, but Kao equalised, chiefly by his work at the net. But Rumjahn's fine placements to the corner and his passing shots caused his opponent to abandon his net rushes. The standard of play deteriorated, and Rumjahn won four games in a row, to get the set.

In the final set Rumjahn was irresistible. He produced a wonderful variety of shots from all quarters of the court, and drove twice as hard as before, while Kao maintained a despairing defence which could not cope with the variegated attack brought to bear upon it.

Rumjahn won the match in straight sets—7-5, 6-2, 6-2.

The Doubles Game

Yacovlevsky and Pryor defeated Chin and Hsia 6-0, 7-5. The Yenching boys were hopelessly outclassed in the first set, and again at the beginning of the second set, and then, when the anxious Chinese in the gallery began to fear a love match, they made a remarkable recovery and by forcing tactics and stronger strokes took one game after another and, ought to have taken the set. But they faltered at the critical moment and Yacovlevsky put an end to the struggle with a great "kill" at the net. Both the foreign pair were in excellent form, and Yacovlevsky has rarely been more effective.

The second Singles match between Omar Rumjahn and Jen went to the former 6-1, 6-2. Jen played better tennis than the score suggests, though he too failed to exploit his powerful forehand drive as he ought to have done. Rumjahn made very few mistakes and his cross-court drives gained him many aces—Peking and Tientsin Times.

CHINESE LOSS

DEATH OF MR. WONG TIN-TSEUNG

GENERAL BENEFACTOR

The death occurred at 11 a.m. on the 18th instant at Field Cottage, Kowloon City, after an illness lasting a few days, of Mr. Wong Tin-tseung, a well-known Hong Kong Chinese resident, at the age of 69 years. In the year 1855 Mr. Wong was educated at St. Paul's College. He was proprietor of the Wai Hang firm of jewellers in Queen's road Central and the Tai Sang Hong, general merchants in Bonham-strand West. He was at one time comrade of Messrs Reuter Brockelman and Co., but retired from that position a few months before the War.

He was one of the promoters of the Free Night School opened in 1911 for the free education of the poor in English and Chinese, particularly those who having to earn their living were unable to attend school during the day. He deputed his son, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin to take charge of the English section of the school. He was also one of the promoters in 1920 of an industrial school for Destitute Children and Orphans in Hong Kong, and it is understood that he left some money for this worthy purpose.

Mr. Wong was a supporter of many charitable institutions and Sports Clubs. He was a man of a quiet temperament, and was always ready to assist a good cause anonymously.

FOOTBALLER HERO

HUTTON, OF BLACKBURN, IN A HARBOUR RESCUE

Jack Hutton, the Blackburn Rovers and Scottish international back, figured in a thrilling rescue of a girl in Aberdeen Harbour. Thomas Moir, of Menzies Road, Torry, who was passing, threw off his jacket, and although unable to swim, plunged to the girl's assistance.

Their plight was desperate when Hutton jumped into a small boat with another man, sculled rapidly towards them, and brought them to safety.

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IRISH OFFICES MAY CLOSE FROM 3 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

It was stated in Dublin during mail week that the Commission which inquired into the operation of the Betting Act (1926) recommended the Free State Government to incorporate the following proposals in an amending measure:—

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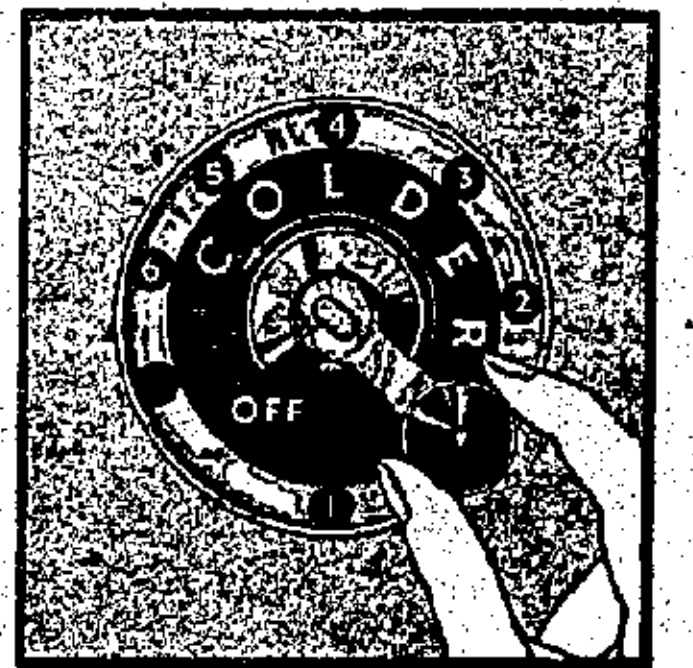
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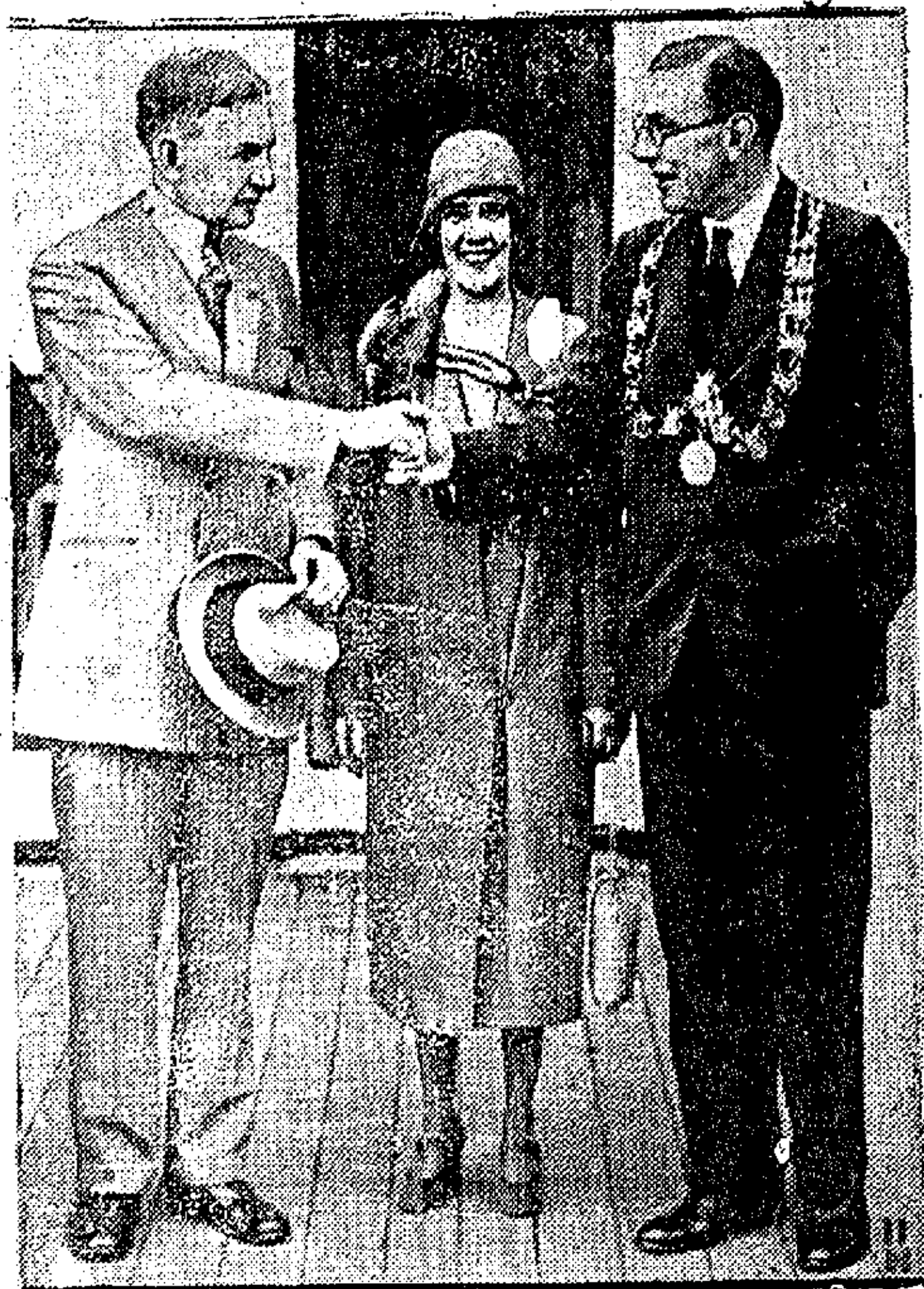
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Girl Flyer



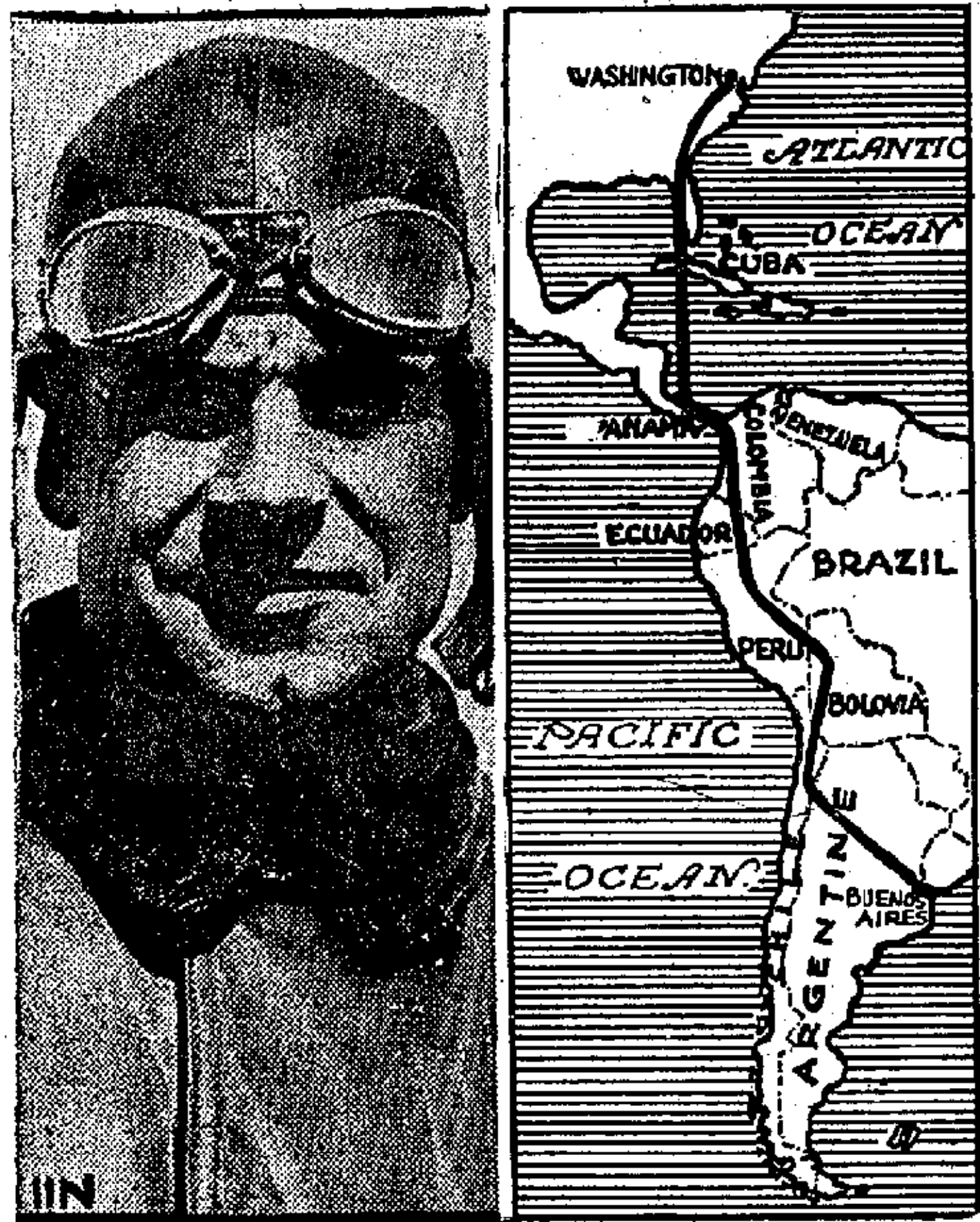
Catherine M. Moran of Philadelphia has been saving from her salary as typist to attend flying school. She has finally made the grade and now holds the distinction of being the first girl to receive a student's pilot licence and federal flying permit in Pennsylvania.

Tunney Says He Got Release



Gene Tunney paid \$35,000 to Katherine King Fogarty, above, on July 24, 1928, and received from her an affidavit releasing him from any and all obligations he might have incurred. This is the essence of Tunney's answer filed in Fairfield County court, to Mrs. Fogarty's breach of promise suit in which she asks \$500,000. She claims that the release was forced on her and therefore does not go.

Crack Army Flyer Plans Long Trip



An aerial voyage of discovery, reminiscent of the early trips which opened the western hemisphere, will be undertaken soon by Lieutenant James H. Doolittle, above, ace of army flyers. His itinerary includes Cuba, Panama, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Bolivia, and Argentina, and is the approximate route of the projected airmail service which is to be opened to South America. Lieut. Doolittle is best known for his performance in making the outside loop.

Not Quite Wedded Yet



It remained for a Georgia Judge to wreck the wedded bliss of Priscilla Dean, top, and Lieutenant Leslie Arnold, who thought they married after Arnold divorced his first wife. The first Mrs. Arnold was successful in having her divorce verdict set aside, by an Atlanta Court. This verdict isn't a very happy fade-out for their movie-land romance.

"Good News" Of Son



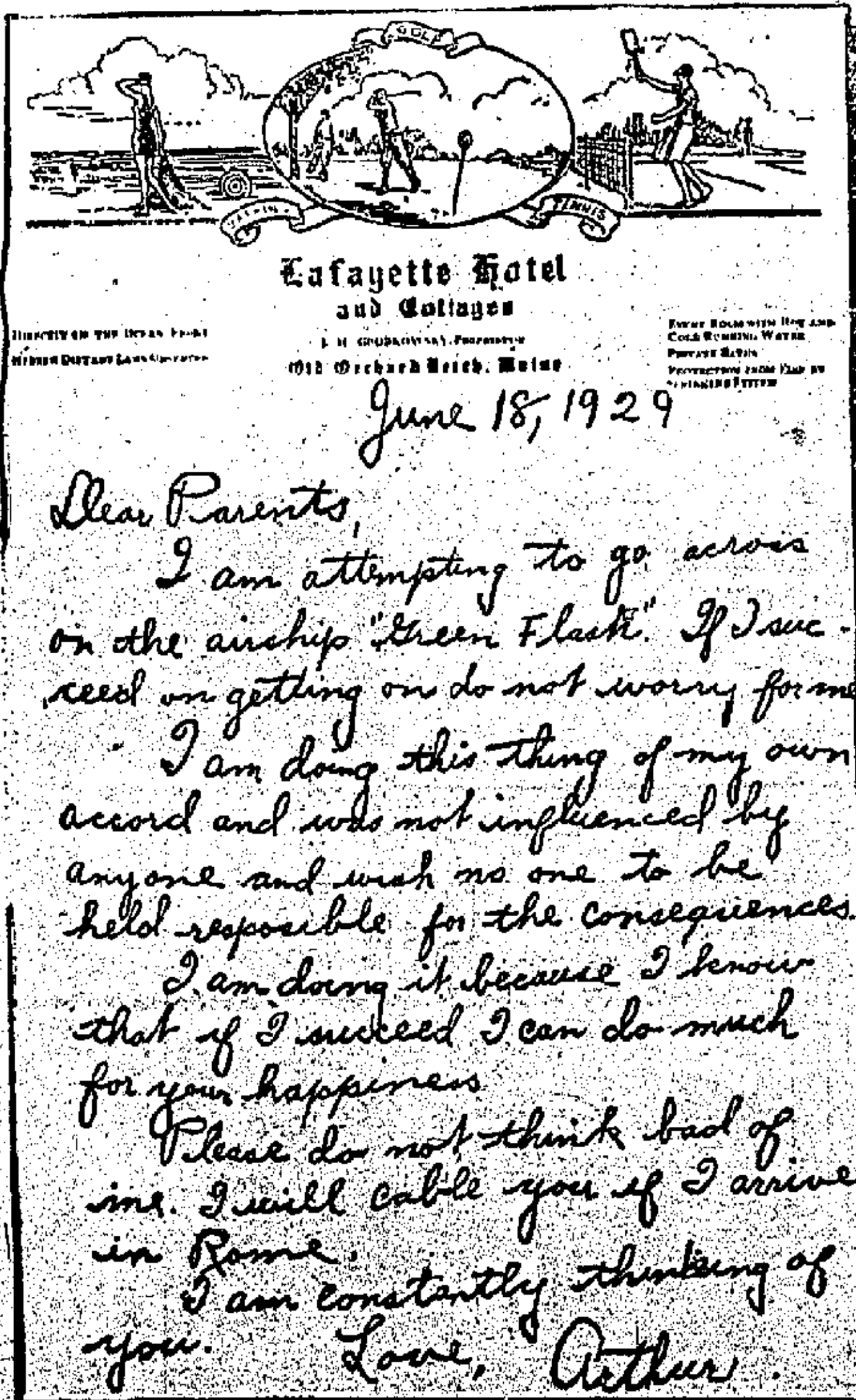
M. and Mrs. Armeno Lotti, Sr. waited patiently for the arrival of their son with his companions in the "Yellow Bird" at Le Bourget field, Paris. No cheerier word could have been brought them than that he was safe at Comilla, Spain, after battling the Atlantic weather.

Mystery Disease Wastes Life



Oriental parasites, a disease known as Kala-Azar, are believed to be slowly absorbing the blood of George Mosher, aged 14, in a Staten Island hospital. His blood must be replenished every week with healthy blood as the only means known of keeping him alive. When appeals for volunteers for the transfusions were sent out, fifteen people came forward to aid the boy.

How Stowaway Told His Parents



This letter would have given any mother and father a shock. The call of adventure seized Arthur Schreiber and this note is the way he took of telling his parents of Portland, Me. He was passing over the ocean in the "Yellow Bird," the first aerial stowaway. The note reveals that the youth intended to stow himself on the "Green Flash" on its flight to Rome.

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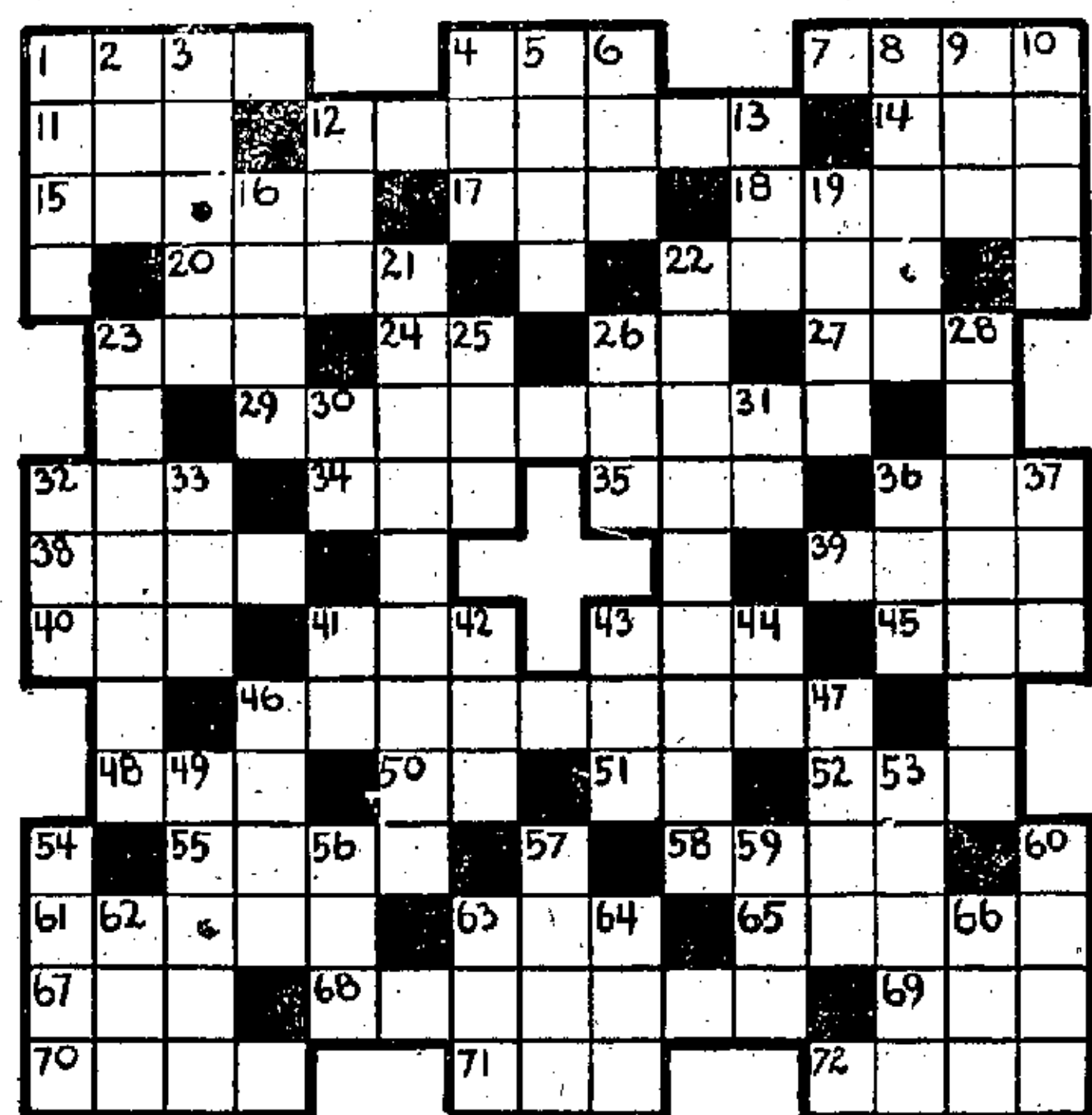
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Location
- 4-Assistance
- 7-Quarried
- 11-Bustle
- 12-A Shakespearean character
- 14-Guided
- 15-An absurd failure
- 17-Even (contr.)
- 18-Eulogistic memoir
- 20-Warbled
- 22-A black bird
- 23-Depression between two hills
- 24-A diphthong
- 26-Army Order (abbr.)
- 27-Beast of burden
- 29-A Moslem
- 32-Writing fluid
- 34-Mineral spring
- 35-Amount (abbr.)
- 36-A chopping tool
- 38-Chief of the Norse gods
- 39-To fully satisfy
- 40-Short for "Edward"
- 41-A thickness or layer
- 43-Curious scraps of literature
- 45-A Roman household god
- 46-An English poet

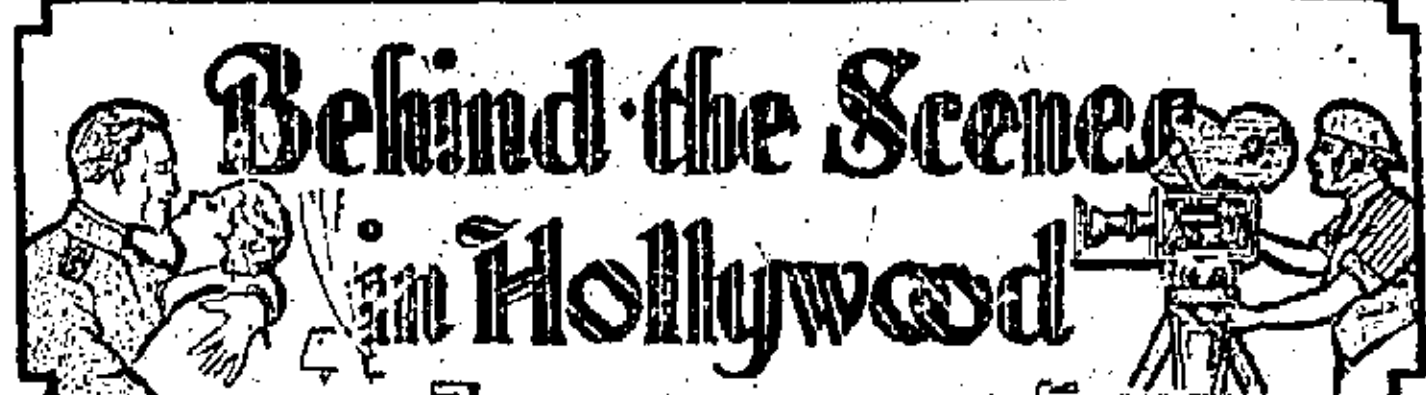
HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 48-Correlative of neither
- 50-Printer's measure
- 51-Personal pronoun
- 52-To allow
- 55-Inferior in quality
- 58-An oxidation of iron
- 61-Lining of an animal's stomach used for food
- 63-Girl's name
- 65-Harvest
- 67-A pumber
- 68-Fur-bearing animal
- 69-An Hawaiian food
- 70-A river in Germany
- 71-To spread for drying
- 72-A bristle

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 21-An evangelist missionary
- 22-A leader
- 23-To damn
- 25-Isiah (abbr.)
- 26-A wing
- 28-A navigating instrument
- 30-Personal pronoun
- 31-Here
- 32-An electrical unit
- 33-A young goat
- 36-A red dye
- 37-Ever (post.)
- 41-A river of Italy
- 42-A Japanese coin
- 43-Purpose
- 44-Chemical symbol for silver
- 46-Cut close
- 47-Otherwise
- 49-To think
- 53-A storehouse (Fr.)
- 54-Man's name (German)
- 55-Over (post.)
- 57-At one time
- 59-A vase
- 60-One of the continents
- 62-A color
- 63-A dead
- 64-To incline the head
- 65-A kitchen utensil

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)



AH, HA!

His name is Arthur Strauss. He hails from Chicago. His father is a millionaire banker and hotel owner.

Last year Mr. Strauss visited Hollywood. He met Leatrice Joy. Mr. Strauss proved he was a man of judgment. He liked—and likes, forsooth—Miss Joy.

Heads are beginning to nod and significance creeps into voices discussing Leatrice and Mr. Strauss. Yes, we enjoy double-exposing a bubble into a diamond ring. Mr. Strauss is an attractive sophisticate in his early forties. He is married, but has been separated from his wife for some time. It is further declared by the all-wise that divorce papers are in the office.

It must have been four or five years ago that Leatrice severed her legal status with Jack Gilbert. At present, I believe, she is woodvilling, but she settles in Hollywood pretty soon to begin work on her initial First National picture, writes Dorothy Herzog.

HEARSAY

With D. W. Griffith's departure from the United Artists fold as director, gossip centres on the "grand old megaphoner of the cinema." They do be sayin' that D. W. contemplates going to Europe and producing pictures there, with Carol Dempster the stellar figure. Mr. Griffith is in New York now. Carol has been there almost a year, studying voice, perhaps with her goal the opera. When D. W. joined U. A., Miss Dempster no longer played leads in his offerings. Other companies were interested in signing her, but she refused. Carol had always declared she would never make pictures for anyone except Griffith. Her patience, it seems, is on the verge of being rewarded. Whether or not D. W. will ever produce "Cradle of the Deep," the much discussed Joan Lowell book, is problematical. European flicker fields, however, still remain for the most part untouched by American directors.



Gary Cooper

It so happened that Gary Cooper heard that in the hills near Hollywood were bears. Now Gary loves to hunt. So does Andy Lawlor. Andy and Gary became very good friends when Andy was assigned to help Cooper acquire a Southern drawl for "The Virginian."

"Want to go bear huntin'?" Gary suggested, this part morn. Andy mumbled, but he wasn't sure he could. His own picture, "Magnolia," with Buddy Rogers and Mary Brian, began any day.

They decided to ask "Buddy" Leighton, the supervisor, if Lawlor could get away for a few days. Feeling quite sure it would be all right, they dressed for the expedition before going to the studio. Gary wore dungaree trousers, pink flannel shirt and boots. Andy, a pair of overalls, khaki shirt and boots. With guns in the crooks of their arms, they stormed the studio office. To their chagrin they walked in on a conference. Neither spoke. The "conferrees" gazed at them speechless. Gary rubbed his nose nervously, a trick of his when he's upset, and finally blurted: "Can Andy go bear huntin' with me?"

Melting silence. Chortles from the "conferrees," and Mr. Leighton managing to reply: "He can't. He goes to work to-morrow!"

TALKIE OF FUTURE

OVERCOMING LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES

The talkie of the near future will be a stereoscopic picture in natural colours, on the screen, three times the present size, with perfect synchronised sound. This statement was made by David Abrahams who with his father, purchased sites for a ring of fifteen cinema theatres on the outskirts of London with an average seating capacity of 3,000.

Abrahams said language difficulty was being overcome in Hollywood having separate British, French and German companies for important pictures, but there was a great demand for British voices and the opportunity for actors and actresses speaking good English was enormous.

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ROSA PONSSELLE

NEW PRIMA DONNA'S TRIUMPH

AT COVENT GARDEN

The Covent Garden authorities promised us a thrill last night, and they produced it, says the "Daily Telegraph" to hand. They have told us wondrous tales of Miss Rosa Ponselle, who was to make her bow to a Covent Garden audience for the first time, yet had a world-wide fame. Only Covent Garden could provide the final cachet. For once the wondrous tales proved true.

But superb as was the singing of Miss Ponselle, an American-born Italian, "Norma," which has not been heard here since Oscar Hammerstein produced it in his—then—new theatre in 1911, and at Covent Garden since Lilli Lehmann sang it precisely thirty years ago, is much more than "Casta Diva" and a brilliant soprano singer.

"Norma" is a milestone in the progress of opera, and its neglect is not altogether due to managerial indifference, but largely to the incompetence of singers to deal adequately with Bellini's mellifluous phrases. It is the depreciated art of the singer more than the decay of taste for things beautiful that has aged "Norma." This, however, is far too great a point to be argued now.

But the revival of some operas roughly contemporaneous with "Norma"—some early Verdi, for example—will teach the young enthusiast a rare deal more than the production of most of the new and "ultra-modern" operas, of which we have had a share since the war.

A Glorious Voice
Although "Norma" is more than "Casta Diva," and a great soprano, as I have said, it is to be feared that it was precious little more when revived at Covent Garden last night. Miss Ponselle would have been almost fully justified in quoting apropos old Catalin's nasty remark when she said, 150 years ago, that an English festival consisted of "Moi, et cinq ou six poupees." For Miss Ponselle, on this actually her first appearance in the most hallowed opera house in the world, bore the whole weight of the performance upon her shoulders on an evening when quite reasonably she might have been a little nervous.

Here is truly a glorious voice, and her use of it, a trifle mannered on occasion, if you like, is no less glorious. To hear the dear old soprano stalking horse, "Casta Diva," sung in such perfection of style—if stalking horses may be sung!—is matter for record. Such singing, such distinction of the real style, is, alas, of the rarest to-day. Moreover, Miss Ponselle moves with consummate grace. Her coloratura is at once of the smoothest and of the utmost purity. Her success at this, her first London appearance, was a complete success.



Bebe Daniels

Listened to Bebe Daniels' voice test to other afternoon in the R-K-O projection rooms. And take it from me she's a peep. Bebe sang a Spanish song and "Lover of Mine." She's got that vocal sex appeal that made Broadway saloon Helen Morgan. Her voice is mezzo soprano. Methinks Bebe will be something of a sensation in the title role of "Rio Rita." Famous Players lost a singy-talky bet when they permitted Mrs. Daniels' little girl to depart the fold. Bebe will have John Boles for her leading man in "Rio Rita" and John, as we all know, is some pumpkins at warbling. Which is splendid for Bebe. Her own ability will sparkle the better. For the past few weeks she has been studying the "Rio Rita" score. You'll get the surprise of a lifetime when you hear her sing.

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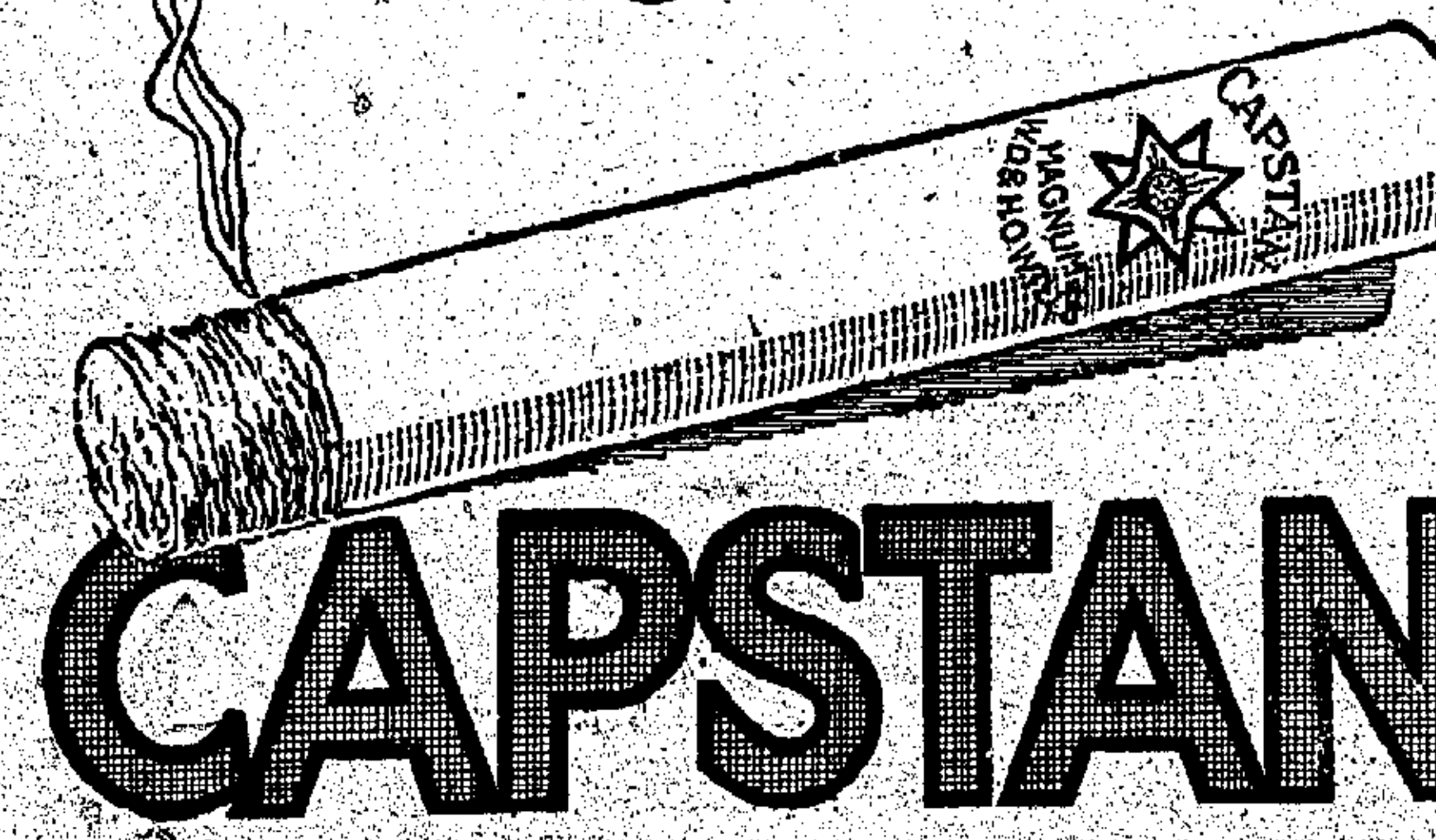
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Next in importance, if one may put it so, was Signor Vincenzo Bellini—a conductor to whom nothing seems to come amiss. Apart from what he achieved later, his conducting of the curious little opera was no less than masterly. The remainder of the cast was adequate, but undistinguished.—R. H. L.



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INWARD MAJLS.

From	Per
Amoy	FRIDAY, JULY 26.
Shanghai and Swatow	SATURDAY, JULY 27.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 28th June), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	SUNDAY, JULY 28.
Manila	MONDAY, JULY 29.
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Manila	WEDNESDAY, JULY 31.
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OUTWARD MAJLS.

For	Per
Bangkok	FRIDAY, JULY 26.
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Manila and Parrels only for Germany via Hamburg	SUNDAY, JULY 28.
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Registration	SUNDAY, AUGUST 12.
Letters	MONDAY, AUGUST 13.
Port Bayard, Hollow, Pakhi and Sirdhana	TUESDAY, AUGUST 14.
Shanghai and Japan	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	THURSDAY, AUGUST 16.

DIPLOMATS' REPLY RENDITION OF PROVISIONAL COURT

VENUE OF CONFERENCE

Shanghai, To-day.
The Dutch Minister (doyen of the Diplomatic Corps in Peking) has communicated with the Chinese Foreign Office, on behalf of the Diplomatic Body, acknowledging receipt of the Chinese note of July 4 and indicating the attitude of the Powers in regard to the rendition of China of the Shanghai Provisional Court.

The Dutch Minister also enquired as to a suitable date and place for the holding of a conference for this purpose. The Foreign Office, in reply, expressed thanks towards the Diplomatic Body for the sympathy with China's aspiration, and suggested Shanghai as a suitable place for holding such a conference.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

BANK RATE

CHANCELLOR'S HINT TO HOME BANKERS

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

London, Yesterday.
The recent efflux of gold from the Bank of England is engendering fears of a raised bank rate, and lends significance to a speech by Mr. P. Snowden (Chancellor of the Exchequer) at a bankers' banquet at the Mansion House last night.

He declared that finance and industry, like scissors, must work together; and said they must continue to trust the Bank of England to deal with the present monetary situation, but must be able to count on the best support of other financial institutions.

He appealed to the City houses to exercise caution in regard to foreign lending, where exchanges were unfavourable to Britain, and hoped the present position would be tidied over without an increase in the bank rate, the psychological effect of which at present would be injurious to trade and enterprise.—Reuter.

"LOST IN SMOKE"

YOUNG GIRL'S YARN TO THE —MAGISTRATE

"RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS"

Two Chinese men and a woman were yesterday afternoon charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith with harbouring a young Chinese girl without the consent of her parents. The girl's story was that she was rendered unconscious for seven or eight days as the result of first accused blowing some smoke into her face. She knew nothing of what took place during the time she was in the three accused's company.

Second accused claimed that the girl, who was 16 years of age, was in love with him. He admitted harbouring her without her parents' consent, but he was not aware that such consent was necessary.

The female accused said that she had told the girl to go away, but she refused to do so.

First accused said that he knew nothing about the affair.

The Magistrate rejected the girl's evidence about the blowing of smoke and discharged first accused. No 2 was sentenced to one month's hard labour, whilst the woman, who turned out to be his mother, was cautioned.

MINERS' WORKING HOURS

LABOUR PLEDGES

RESOLUTIONS AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NATIONAL WAGES PACT

London, Yesterday.
The annual conference of the Miners' Federation at Blackpool unanimously adopted a resolution pressing the immediate repeal of the Eight Hours Act, also another motion in favour of taking steps to secure a higher standard of living for miners, a higher minimum rate of wages, and a return to a national wages agreement based on the cost of living and containing a uniform minimum percentage guarantee to all grades of workers in mines.

The official report says that the Conference understood that the Government would honour its pledges as regard to miners' working hours.—Reuter.

Temperature, 10 a.m., to-day 80

Temperature, 4 p.m., yesterday 85

Humidity, 10 a.m., to-day 77

Humidity, 4 p.m., yesterday 71

M. POINCARÉ

HEALTH REPORT RATHER PESSIMISTIC

Paris, Yesterday.
It is rumoured that the health of M. Poincaré is less satisfactory



than might be expected from the recent medical report.—Reuter.

[A Paris cable of July 17 stated: It is reported that M. Poincaré is suffering from a slight temperature due to overwork, as a result of his 14-hour speech, and yesterday's 12-hour debate in the Chamber in the tropical heat. His doctor has ordered him to rest, but he expects to return to the Chamber to-morrow.]

The Rev. William Walton, vicar of the Bretons, Faversham, has been nominated by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the rectory of Little Mongeham with Sutton by Dover, in succession to the Rev. W. E. Williams.

CANTON GARRISON

DISBANDMENT SCHEME POSTPONED

GENERAL CHAN'S JOURNEY

Canton, Yesterday.
The whole of the arrangements for military disbandment and re-organization in Kwangtung, scheduled to begin in August, are to be postponed, pending the outcome of the Second Military Disbandment and Re-organization Conference to be held at Nanking, the purpose of which is to decide upon a new programme for the whole country.

General Chan Chai-tong (Commander-in-Chief), who has been previously reported as about to proceed to Nanking to attend the conference, has postponed his journey until Sunday or Monday, because on July 27, he will have to supervise the ceremonies in connection with the assumption of office of the newly-appointed members of the Kwangtung Provisional Government.

A military review of picked troops of all the units in Canton will be held at the Eastern parade ground at Canton to-day.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

CANTON ITEMS

KWANGTUNG'S FINANCE MATTERS

CENTRAL BANK NOTE ISSUE

Canton, Wednesday.
In order to restore the full exchange value of the Central Bank notes in Canton and to re-open the note redemption department of the Central Bank, the Canton Financial authorities have sanctioned the issue of a series of new notes amounting to the total value of \$9,000,000 and, at the same time, the rescinding of a quantity of the old notes to the same amount, which is still in storage in the Bank.

The issue of the new notes commenced on July 10 and up to July 23, over half of the total amount of new notes were in circulation in the market.

Silk Imposit?

Under order of the Finance Ministry, Nanking, the Canton Finance Commissioner, Mr. Fan Ki-mu, is making arrangements for the imposition of a special tax on silk-producing cocoons, which thrive especially in the Sanwei and Shuntak districts, where the raising of cocoons is a productive industry.

China's Airmen
Mr. Yeung Kwan-yu, commander of the Second Air Squadron of the Canton Air Bureau, is at present in a hospital undergoing treatment for severe injuries to his leg, sustained through being knocked down by a motor-car while taking a walk along the Wen Fui-road on July 23.

The driver of the motor-car was arrested by the police and charged with reckless driving.

Captain Lin Pui-chun, director of the Aviation Bureau of Yunnan, who has been in Canton for some time, was to have left Canton for Nanking with his three assistants on the aeroplane "Kui Ma" on the morning of July 23, but bad weather prevented him from starting on time.

Kwangsi Problems

Mr. Yu Tsok-pai, chairman of the Provincial Government of Kwangsi, has wired to Canton stating that he will probably proceed to Canton on July 25 to consult with the Canton authorities regarding various rehabilitation problems of Kwangsi.

"Reds" on the Move

A Swatow report says that the "Reds" in Southern Fukien have again become active and are now terrorising the inhabitants of the districts. Some of the troops stationed there are either helpless and too weak to check the activities of the "Reds" or have sympathy with them.

Both the Kwangtung and Fukien Governments are being asked by the sufferers for relief.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

HOME EMPLOYMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BE ESTABLISHED

RUSSIAN TRANSACTIONS

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. W. Graham, President of the Board of Trade said that as part of the Lord Privy Seal's employment policy the Government had decided that our Advisory Committee should be established by the acts governing the exports credits guarantee scheme and should be free from August 1 to consider applications in respect of transactions with Russia.—Reuter.

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